Detroit Masses Greet Release of FBI Victims

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RED ARMY TAKES 2 RAIL STATIONS

An Editorial

ADMINISTRATION RETREATS ---BUT VIGILANCE IS NEEDED

IN THE face of the rising tide of protests and indignation from labor and liberals throughout the country, the Roosevelt Administration has been compelled to retreat on its Detroit outrage.

The indictments against 16 democratic Americans who were "charged" with aiding Spanish democracy have been ordered dismissed. The nine citizens who were brutally thrown into jail are released.

But the Roosevelt Administration hasn't for a moment abandoned its policy of persecuting Communists and others who speak out for peace and the Bill of Rights.

Even if they drop the Detroit cases, the very arrest of these innocent people was a brazen violation of civil rights. Twelve private homes were raided. Nine citizens were dragged out in the black pitch of night, manacled with chains as if they were common criminals, and thrown into jail with scandalous bails as high as $20,000.

This was a brazen violation of the Bill of Rights which expressly forbids excessive bail. The people were held incommunicado, in violation of the 14th Amendment, and their wives and families had to stage a sit-down strike in jail in an effort to see them.

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The Administration found that its arrest of the Detroiters was a clear political issue, an open challenge to the people's right to fight for democracy. The Department of Justice discovered that the use of an old musty 1818 statute, would not stand up before the battering protests of the people.

Far and wide came condemnation: from Tom Mooney, from Rep. Coffee, of Washington state, from CIO unions in Milwaukee and Detroit, and from Rep. Vito Marcantonio, president of the International Labor Defense, which put up a sterling battle for the release of these men and women.

The issue was far too clear for the Roosevelt Administration which prefers subtle underhanded attacks against the Bill of Rights. It had become embarrassing to the Administration and its own war-mongering campaign to help White Guard Finland and to drum up volunteers for Mannerheim.

Labor and the people will have to keep the sharpest vigilance for the Roosevelt Administration may be dropping these cases in order to smooth the way for American boys to die in the trenches for Mannerheim and Wall Street.

This little item taken from Thursday's New York Times tells the story:

"It is whispered in the capital that regardless of laws, the way may be smoothed by friends of Finland for especially desirable volunteers, an experienced airplane pilot, for instance. . . . Further, even if they have no passports, volunteers may return to the United States provided they have proof of their citizenship."

(Volunteers to Mannerheim imperialism, don't need passports at all to get back, while Browder who uses his own legal passport to return to the country gets four years —because he fights for peace!)

In the Browder and Wiener cases, the Administration tried to conceal the political issues by flimsy legal pretexts. But the issue is the same as that in Detroit: an attempt to intimidate and silence all who speak for peace and civil liberties. The technicality smokescreen is to disarm and befuddle the people. For when the issue is clear as in Detroit broad protests come from every liberty-loving section of the American people.

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THE people should look through the legal camouflage in the Browder and Wiener cases just as in Detroit. They should see through the "anti-trust" drive against labor as a union-smashing campaign. They should see through the "foreign agent" gag as an attempt to tar and feather all liberals. They should see through the secret inquisitorial processes of the Department of Justice against progressive individuals and organizations as a witch-hunt against all outspoken fighters for peace.

No one could have any illusions about any mythical change of policy of the Administration in releasing the Detroiters. Just yesterday the Federal Government cooked up a vicious conviction of Robert William Wiener, treasurer of the Communist Party, on another passport technicality. A barbarous 4-year sentence still hangs over the head of Earl Browder, also convicted on a passport technicality, but solely for the reason of his leadership of the fight for peace.

Attorney General Jackson said of the Detroit cases, "it seems inappropriate to begin prosecution for activities so long known to the government." What about Browder? Even the reactionary Herbert Hoover Administration passed up the flimsy case against him and the Roosevelt Administration did nothing for seven years. And Wiener has been publicly active in the labor and progressive movement for the last 20 years? Is it "appropriate" to prosecute them now because they fight for peace?

The Federal Administration cannot pull the wool over the people's eyes as long as these outrageous violations of the Bill of Rights continue unabated.

Labor and the people have made the Roosevelt Administraiton take notice in the Detroit cases. And this is only a pittance of what the people can do by protesting the Administration's more disguised attacks against civil rights. Unceasing vigilance must be maintained against all the insidious drives of the Administration.

Protests should rain in against President Roosevelt's war-making blessings for recruits and his incitation of other aid for Mannerheim. With the same energy that rang out against the Detroit outrage, labor and the people should raise their voice against the persecution of Browder and Wiener, as cut from the same cloth of war and attacks against the Bill of Rights.

Midwest FBI Victims Are Freed After Wide Protest

Ass't Att'y Gen'l Hopkins Flies to Detroit to Ask for Dismissal

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 16.—People of Detroit are jubilant today celebrating the outstanding victory of the dismissal of charges against 16 people for "conspiracy to induce enlistment to the Loyalist Army in Spain." This afternoon nine men held in Milan Federal Detention Farm and Mary Paige held in Detroit were released.

They were released on a motion of Assistant Attorney-General Welly K. Hopkins who came from Washington and appeared before Federal Judge Edward J. Moinet. Hopkins spoke for the Department of Justice and asked for a dismissal of the indictment.

Attorney-General Robert A. Jackson in a statement issued in Washington, revealed that alleged offenses were committed in the years of 1937 and 1938 and that the Federal Bureau of Investgation submitted its report to then Attorney-General Murphy in March, 1939.

"No action was taken," Jackson stated, "until December, 1939, when the U. S. District Attorney at Detroit was ordered by Attorney-General Murphy to conduct Grand Jury proceedings. These indictments presented to the Department the dilemma of either discontinuing these cases or entering upon a vastly broader campaign of prosecution."

NATIONWIDE PROTEST

The arrests of 11 people in Detroit and one in Milwaukee aroused a nationwide indignation and protest movement against these Gestapo proceedings of the F.B.I. A huge conference of the Civil Rights Federation in Detroit took the lead in the defense of the victims the F.B.I. prosecution started by Frank Murphy, now a Justice of the Supreme Court.

Commenting upon the release of the twelve people and dismissal of the indictment against 16 persons, Reverend Owen A. Knox, treasurer of the newly formed Bill of Rights

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GOP Names Phila. as Convention City June 24

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (UP).—The Republican National Committee today voted to hold the party nominating convention in Philadelphia on June 24.

The vote on the Republican convention was Philadelphia, 67, Chicago, 30, and Fargo, N. D., 2.

Today, Philadelphia offered the Republicans $250,000 in cash and emoluments while Chicago offered to only pay the convention costs.

Sweden Refuses Army for Helsinki

But Agrees It Will Supply 'Non-Military' Aid to Mannerheim

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 16 (UP).—The Swedish Government has refused appeals from [White-Guard] Finland to send a Swedish military corps to Finland, Prime Minister Per Albin Hansson disclosed today.

"The Swedish Governemnt has received on different occasions propositions from the Finnish Government about aid, especially necessary supplies from Sweden. In general these requests have been complied with," Hansson said in his statement.

"Steps also have been taken and plans have been worked out in conjunction with the Finns to receive wounded invalids in Sweden and to send Swedish civilian workers to work in Finnish factories.

"On visits to Sweden members of the Finnish government have made personal requests to Sweden for military aid to Finland. The latest of these requests was made Feb. 13, by Finnish Minister of Foreign Affairs Tanner in a meeting with Swedish Premier Hansson, Swedish Minister of Foreign Affairs Guenther and Minister of National Defense Skoeld, in Stockholm.

"Tanner requested, on behalf of the Finnish Government, that a Swedish military corps be sent to Finland.

"The Swedish minister on this occasion referred to the Swedish viewpoint, as explained by the Premier before the Riksdag Jan. 17, which viewpoint was agreed upon and approved by Parliament and the Swedish nation as a whole and on which Swedish opinion has not yet changed."

Rockwell Kent Heads Wiener Defense Group

King's Okay on 'Volunteers' to Finland Printed

LONDON, Feb. 16 (UP).—A royal decree permitting Britons to fight in the [White-Guard] Finnish armed forces was published in the London Gazette today. The decree, dated Feb. 15, had been forecast in a House of Commons announcement earlier this week.

The decree permits Britons under certain circumstances to enlist in the Finnish army and provision was made for recruiting British subjects for the Finnish forces here.

The William Wiener Defense Committee, of which Rockwell Kent is honorary chairman, yesterday issued a call for funds to finance the appeal of William Wiener, President of the International Workers Order, from his conviction on Thursday on technical charges concerning alleged passport violations.

"The attack on William Wiener is, in our opinion, part and parcel of the attack of reaction against all militants and progressives and can be repelled only by the united action of all who desire that our civil rights and liberties shall continue to be maintained in America."

With these words Norman Tallentire, Secretary of the Committee, announced that the Committee would redouble its efforts to raise the necessary funds to carry Brother Wiener's appeal to the

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ROCKWELL KENT

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Find Jobs, Not Finn Loans, Ship Unions Tell Officials

Condemn Hoover's Raids as Menace to All Labor

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The CIO Maritime Committee today condemned all public officials who are spending their time getting war loans for foreign governments instead of doing something about unemployment.

Flag-swapping in evasion of the Neutrality Act and all other moves calculated to drag the United States into war were also opposed by the committee at a two-day meeting which concluded this afternoon.

At the same time the representatives of CIO maritime unions sharply condemned the activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation under J. Edgar Hoover as **"a growing menace to our civil liberties and the rights of trade unionists."**

Singled out for criticism in the resolution of the CIO union leaders were the raids made in Detroit by the F.B.I. on the homes of persons charged with having aided Loyalist Spain.

Present at today's meeting were representatives of the National Maritime Union, The Maritime Federatoin of the Pacific, The American Communications Association and of other CIO unions.

UNITE FOR PAY INCREASE

Another important step taken was to urge the achievement of unity in obtaining better working conditions and higher wages by organizing all maritime workers into the National Maritime Union.

Other resolutions requested Federal Security Administrator Paul McNutt to take full responsibility for seeing to it that seamen are protected under the present social security laws and urged the Maritime Commission to hold hearings to ascertain the wage scale for subsidized ships.

In their resolution on the war, the CIO representative voted to "condemn any and all public officials who are using their public office at the expense of the American nation to encourage loans to foreign countries instead of solving America's number one problem of unemployment."

The resolution endorsed the bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Bennet Clark of Missouri to prevent the further sale or transfer of American ships to foreign governments.

"A war scare and hysteria has been created in this country by those who would like to see the United States involved in the European conflict," the resolution said.

Hoover's G-men were condemned by the Maritime Union representatives for conducting their raids in Detroit "in the manner of a Nazi Gestapo" and for carrying on in a manner which indicate "an attitude and a purpose on the part of the F.B.I. wholly foreign to the spirit, if not actually the letter, of the Bill of Rights."

The resolution on the F.B.I. demanded that both Hoover's powers and appropriations be limited.

Confidentially, Reporters Say Europeans Are Tired of War

(By United Press)

There is no enthusiasm among the people of Europe over this war, declares Louis F. Keemle, United Press cable editor.

That is not a hitherto unpublished fact, but it is almost the first thing that visiting correspondents, here to freshen up awhile from the nervous strain and the blackouts abroad, will tell you, Keemle says.

C.P. National Committee Meets in 2-Day Session

Committee Members Will Fix Date, Place for Parley at Which the 1940 C.P. Program and Presidential Candidate Will Be Named

The National Committee of the Communist Party opens its two-day sesison at the Masonic Room of Manhattan Center, 34th St., near Eighth Ave., 10 A.M. today, to fix a date and place for the convention at which the 1940 Communist platform and Presidential candidate will be nominated. Only members of the National Committee will attend.

The meeting will also hear and discuss a report on the international and political situation by Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party.

The last national convention of the Communist Party was held in New York on May 20 to 23, 1938. Earl Browder and James Ford were the Communist standard bearers in 1936.

House Votes Record Navy Spending Spree

Marcantonio Blocked in Fighting Effort to Slice 10 Per Cent

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—With a perfunctory voice vote, the House today passed a $995,772,878 appropriation for the Navy which set a new peacetime high.

Democratic and Republican machines worked together smoothly to prevent Rep. Vito Marcantonio of New York from obtaining a roll call on a motion to slice $100,000,000 from the huge armament bill.

There were but a handful of Congressmen present on the floor when this enormous appropriation for the Navy was passed.

Only a few days ago the House, which was so lavish with government funds this afternoon, cut mercilessly into a farm bill which had already been drastically slashed by President Roosevelt in his budget estimate.

When the farm bill was up, the House voted to cut $73,000,000 from the stamp plan which makes surplus commodities available to relief families and to eliminate completely a $25,000,000 items for loans for tenant farmers.

A total reduction in the farm bill of $544,000,000 below last year's appropriation was made by the House while the Navy bill which was approved in so perfunctory a manner contained an increase of about $50,000,000 over last year's appropriation.

DOESN'T INCLUDE SUPPLEMENT

This estimate of the increase for the Navy does not include a supplementary armaments bills for $267,000,000 which was passed earlier in the session and included a sizeable chunk for the Navy.

In addition to continuing the vast

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Captures 22 More Forts From Foe

Take 420 Machine Guns 170 Other Guns in 7-Day Drive

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Saturday, Feb. 17.—Red Army forces yesterday occupied two villages, Rejpasuo and Kamara, on the Viipuri-Leningrad railway, in the high point of a successful day's operations against the Mannerheim Line on the Karelian Isthmus.

The Finnish White-Guards suffered heavy losses when they made vain counter-attacks against the Soviet forces, which captured 22 additional defensive fortifications, including two ferro-concrete artillery forts, during the day.

In the seven days of the Karelian Isthmus offensive, the Red Army has captured 420 machine guns and 170 other guns, while a total of 175 defensive fortifications have been taken.

The Soviet air force, in addition to raiding enemy troop concentrations and military objectives, shot down five Finnish warplanes in sky battles.

On other sectors there were activities by scouting forces and a number of infantry clashes.

Text of the communique follows:

"On Feb. 16 Soviet troops continued their successful actions on the Karelian Isthmus.

"The enemy attempted to counter-attack the Soviet forces, but was repulsed with great losses in all sectors of the front.

"Soviet troops occupied the stations of Lejpasuo and Kamara.

"During Feb. 16 Soviet troops occupied 22 of the enemy's defensive fortifications, including two iron and concrete artillery forts.

"In seven days of the offensive of the Soviet troops the enemy's losses, in fortifications occupied by Soviet troops, constituted 420 machine guns and 170 other guns.

"In other sections there were activities by scouts and in some places clashes between infantry units.

"Soviet aviation successfully raided the enemy troops and military objectives. Five enemy airplanes were brought down in air combats."

Italy Is a Bully, Lacking Muscle To Back Up Threats, Says 'Trud'

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Feb. 16.—Italian imperialism talks like a bully who hasn't the muscle to back up his big words. This is the view expressed here today by Trud [Labor], the Soviet trade union newspaper in an article on Italy's presentation to the Allies of her "claims" and tracing them back to the World War.

Breaking of promises is a sword that cuts two ways, the Trud writer points out to Italian diplomacy, which is considering possibility of joining the Allied camp in the second imperialist war as well.

"During December and January, the editor of the Italian semi-official Giornale d'Italia, Virginio Gayda, wrote in the columns of his paper a number of articles under the general title of 'Italy and Her Old Allies,' Trud wrote.

"The main theme running through all these articles like a red thread is an attempt to prove that the British and French allies cheated when dividing the spoils after the first imperialist war.

"The scheme of the articles is extremely simple—Italy entered the first imperialist war after preliminary bargaining with both hostile coalitions. Italy, in the words of Gayda, honestly performed her duties, and suffered a number of sacrifices, in blood and money. When the time came to share the spoils, the Allies defrauded her, giving her much less than was written down in the agreement. Gayda presents Italy's account to her former allies according to all the rules of bookkeeping.

"In imperialist war Britain and France apply imperialist methods, which include deceit, trickery, breaking promises, cynicism towards one's obligations and contempt for agreements.

"All this is true. And how did Italy act on this very question? She started her participation in the first imperialist war by betraying

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Soviet Gov't Leaders Greet Lithuanian People on 22nd Birthday of Republic

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Feb. 16.—Soviet Government leaders today sent telegrams of greetings to Lithuanian Government leaders on the 22nd anniversary of the formation of the Lithuanian Republic, whose independence has repeatedly been safeguarded by the Soviet Union.

Mikhail Kalinin, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R., sent greetings to President Antanas Smetona of the Lithuanian Republic, and Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov sent a telegram to Lithuanian Foreign Minister Joachim Urbsys.

Izvestia, the Soviet Government organ, emphasized the traditional Soviet-Lithuanian friendship in an editorial on the occasion of the anniversary.

"The Lithuanian state arose despite the opposition of Britain and France, the organizers of Versailles," Izvestia wrote. "The Lithuanian people defended their independence in an unequal struggle against the Polish marauders and their patrons, the Anglo-French imperialists.

"In 1920, the Soviet Government was the first to recognize the Lithuanian Republic and to give it a hand of assistance. From the first moment of the establishment of the Lithuanian Republic, the Soviet Government defended the sovereign rights, independence and security of the young state. The U.S.S.R. invariably supported Lithuania and helped it in most difficult times.

"At the end of 1927, when a Polish-Lithuanian conflict threatened to grow into an armed clash, the Soviet Union averted the catastrophe. And in 1938, when the Polish military clique, inspired by the warmongers, again attempted to provoke an armed conflict with Lithuania, the Soviet Union demanded that Poland refrain from resorting to armed force and declared that it retained freedom of action in the event of an armed attack on Lithuania by Poland. This categorical statement by the Soviet Government played a decisive role.

"In celebrating the 22nd anniversary of their independent existence, the Lithuanian people clearly see that their historical fate is very closely bound up with the development and strengthening of friendly good neighbor relations with the Soviet Union.

"The imperialist powers continue to hatch all kinds of plots in their attempts to encroach on the Lithuanian state. Recently the Lithuanian authorities uncovered in Vilno a conspiratorial organization of Polish officers who had as its goal to wrest Vilno from the Lithuanian Republic. These organizations were closely linked with Anglo-French circles.

"The flames of war have not touched Lithuania. The consistent peace policy of the U.S.S.R., which is most striking expressed in the Soviet-Lithuanian treaty of mutual assistance, has given Lithuania wide opportunities for further economic and cultural prosperity."

ARMY TANKS MOBILIZE IN GEORGIA FOR MASS MANOEUVERS: As planes sweep overhead, some of the traveling fortresses now concentrated at Fort Benning for a 4-month period of intensive field manoeuvers pass in review at the start of the war games. Anti-tank, chemical warfare service, air corps, infantry, artillery and other units are taking part in the exercises.

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her former allies [Germany and Austria]. During the war she conducted negotiations behind the back of Britain and France for a separate peace with Austria-Hungary.

"Had the Allies so desired, they could have waved aside considerations for the Italian delegation and the Italian claims at the peace conference, since Italy was a broken country at that time. All efforts of Italy to count herself in among the victors were bare of material justification. The battle of Caporetto actually ended in the complete destruction of the Italian army. At the time of the Versailles conference, Italy, as a matter of fact, was a vanquished country.

"NON-PARTICIPATION" FOR SALE

"This is the precise explanation for the behavior of the Allies at the peace conference. All that the Italian delegation could do was to present its claims, but it had nothing to defend them with.

"Through Gayda Italy reminds Britain and France about the promissory note given to her on April 26, 1915, which has not yet been met. Gayda demands payment in full.

"Italy calculates that by selling her 'non-participation in war,' she will be able to compel the Allies to pay what is still owing under the London Treaty. It stands to reason that the London Treaty is merely a general canvas, but a symptomatic canvas at that, for Gayda speaks with particular insistence about Dalmatia, control of which would finally make the Adriatic Sea Italian.

"Italy is not in a position to participate in a long and serious war. The state of her natural resources—the virtually complete absence of raw materials, including war materials—make it impossible for her to hold out in a protracted war.

SAME INCAPABLES

"What was then revealed only after Caporetto, that is, in the third year of the war, is known now at a time when Italy has not entered war. It is very well known that a number of leaders of the Italian Army who participated in the catastrophe of Caporetto have only grown older during this period, but by no means more brilliant. If there was anybody who still doubted this, the battle of Guadalajara would completely dispel these doubts.

"It is hardly probable that Gayda's efforts will achieve their purpose. Neither of the two belligerent camps is in need of lessons in the history of wars, and certainly not as presented by the editor of the Giornale d'Italia.

TANGIBLE FORCE DECIDES

"Also, as regards bargaining, it is hardly probable that Gayda's efforts will meet with a response. It is not a question of price but of tangible forces, and this Italy lacks. The country, which has retained a feudal system in the countryside, which still has enormous landed estates on the one hand and a landless peasantry on the other, which has about 40 per cent illiteracy, whose domestic market has shrunk to an extreme as a result of the extremely low purchasing power of the masses, this country, where wages both in the cities, but particularly in the villages, are dropping below the living level — this country cannot stand the test of a modern war.

"Italy's ruling circles need an extension of her territory precisely in order to avoid the necessity of solving the domestic tasks and, above all, the task of the agrarian revolution. Hence the program of territorial robbery, expressed in the seizure of Ethiopia and Albania, and hence Italy is trading with her 'non-participation in the war.'

"The seizure of Ethiopia and Albania took place in the phase of imperialist policy known under the name of the 'non-intervention policy.' It is precisely this fact which explains the ease with which Italian imperialism succeeding in seizing both territories.

"At present the era of the policy of non-intervention has come to an end. Now there is taking place a struggle for a new imperialist redivision of the world. Only tangible force will be the basis for this redivision but it is precisely this very force that Italy, which is backward in all respects, lacks."

Brazil Would Protest British Seizure

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 16 (UP).—Foreign Minister Oswaldo Aranha today described the action of a British warship in halting the German freighter Wakama off the Brazilian coast as "an act of war," and proposed a joint protest by the 21 American republics against the incident.

The proposal was contained in a note cabled by Aranha to Foreign Minister Narciso Garay of Panama requesting consultation.

British Unionists Support Soviet Action in Finland

LONDON, Feb. 16 (ICN).—A conference organized by the Sutton (Surrey) and District Trades Council passed a strong resolution condemning the imperialist war and urging the Trade Union Congress General Council to end all forms of co-operation with the Government and to organize a big campaign for higher wages and lower prices.

Another resolution condemned the sending of arms to Mannerheim and supported the action of the Soviet Union and the Finnish People's Government in their fight against the capitalists and big business.

The conference passed a resolution wholeheartedly supporting Councillor Searson in his election fight in Central Southwark and another protesting against the imprisonment of French trade unionists and the suppression of the Paris Building Committee and other French trade union organizations.

Report Tanner, Ryti Will Go to London for Aid

Danish Paper Says White Guard Leaders Will Talk to Chamberlain

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Feb. 16 (UP).—The newspaper National Tidende said today that [White-Guard] Finnish Premier Risto Ryti and Foreign Minister V. Tanner are going to London at once to appeal directly to Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain for immediate Allied military aid for Finland. [Ryti, director of the Bank of Finland, is a Knight of the British Empire.]

The dispatch was from the Stockholm are stating that Ryti is already en route from Helsinki to join Tanner, after which both will go by airplane direct to London. These sources say they represent both the Army and the Government in pointing out the necessity for immediate help if Finland is to hold off incessant Russian attacks on the Isthmus."

Norway Prevents British Seizure Of German Ship

BERGEN, Norway, Feb. 16 (UP).—The British destroyer Intrepid today seized the German steamer Altmark inside Norwegian territorial waters near here, placed a prize crew aboard and was heading for the open sea when Norwegian warships arrived and ended the violation of Norwegian neutrality.

The Norwegian warships ordered the British prize crew off the Altmark and restored the ship to German command, safe in territorial waters.

The Intrepid took up position outside territorial waters, holding the German ship under her guns.

Soviet Press Lauds Trade Pact With Germany

Says Agreement Based on Mutual Interests of Both Nations

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Feb. 16. — The economic agreement signed between the U.S.S.R. and Germany on Feb. 11 "is of great economic and political significance," Izvestia, the Soviet Government organ, declared editorially today.

"The agreement," said Izvestia, "is based on the mutual interests of both states and ensures the further development of economic and political collaboration between the U.S.S.R. and Germany, the successful basis for which was laid by the trade-credit agreement concluded in August, 1939.

"The trade - credit agreement, which was concluded in an atmosphere of strained political relations, was designed to clear this atmosphere and to be a serious step in further improving not only economic but also political relations between the U.S.S.R. and Germany.

TURNING POINT IN RELATIONS

"And so, after conclusion of the trade-credit agreement, signed in Moscow on Aug. 23, 1939, a non-aggression pact between the U.S.S.R. and Germany was concluded and on Sept. 23 of the same year, a pact of amity and frontiers between the U.S.S.R. and Germany was signed. These pacts brought a turning point in the economic and political relations between the U.S.S.R. and Germany.

"It is quite natural that the trade turnover, under the conditions of the application of the non-aggression pact between the U.S.S.R. and Germany, as expressed in the trade-credit agreement, would have been insufficient from the viewpoint of their mutual economic interests.

"The U.S.S.R. is the biggest producer in the world of raw materials, of which Germany is greatly in need. Germany, on the other hand, is among the first countries in the world as a supplier of high-quality machinery and equipment, the import of which continues to interest the U.S.S.R. despite the tremendous growth of the Soviet machine-building industry.

RAW MATERIAL FOR FINISHED GOODS

"In accordance with this, the Soviet Union will deliver raw materials, including food products, to Germany, and Germany will deliver industrial goods, including armaments, to the Soviet Union.

"Even during the first year of its application, the trade turnover between the U.S.S.R. and Germany under this agreement will exceed the maximum volume reached in any year since the World War. Moreover, both parties express the intention still further to increase mutual deliveries in the future.

"The economic agreement will give Germany necessary raw materials, which are produced in great quantity in the U.S.S.R. and which Germany greatly needs because of the blockade organized by the Allies. The economic agreement will help extend the foreign trade of the Soviet Union, which now will not experience the difficulties created by the virtual halt of Soviet trade with Britain and France by the will of the British and French Governments.

"Even before the outbreak of the war, Britain and France cancelled a number of Soviet orders placed at one time with their plants, thus undermining their trade with the U.S.S.R. to their own detriment. The Soviet Union cannot export its goods to Britain and France without having an opportunity to receive in exchange the goods which it desires.

SCORES FRENCH ACTIVITIES

"Is it possible to conduct any normal trade with France, whose government recently organized a police and bandit raid on the Soviet trade delegation in Paris, a raid made along the lines of the notorious British 1927 model.

"In view of the growth of its economic strength and its developed industry and agriculture, the Soviet Union no longer is dependent on foreign countries, it can confidently develop its economy without extensive trade relations with Britain and France in the present situation. At the same time it is increasing to an ever-greater extent the trade turnover with Germany, whose Government, like the Soviet Government, desires to organize firm economic collaboration between the two countries.

"The Soviet - German economic agreement shows that the radical improvement that took place at the end of last year in the political relations between the U.S.S.R. and Germany, and the establishment at that time of friendly relations between them, are strengthening and have a stable base for further favorable development."

Chinese Advance Guard At Kwangsi Outskirts

Government Increases Campaign to Aid Farmers in Inner Provinces; Enemy Sustains Serious Troop Losses

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

CHUNGKING, China, Feb. 16.—Chinese advance guards have reached the outskirts of the Kwangsi city of Nanning in a drive down from the north, military dispatches said today.

Chinese troops operating in the South China province of Kwangsi are continuing pursuit of retreating Japanese forces and have captured several points on the Nanning-Fingyang-Wuming highway.

Reports from Hainan island off Soth China reveal that the Chinese forces operating there engaged in 986 battles between Feb. 10, 1939, and Jan. 31, 1940. During this period the Japanese lost 8,689 killed in action. Three Japanese planes were brought down, two tanks and three cutters disabled, and several field guns and 20 armored cars destroyed.

The Chinese Government, it was announced, as part of its campaign to aid agriculture, has decided to increase the farm assistance appropriation for the inner provinces to $10,000,000. Six million dollars will be used to increase the area under technical crops for export.

The remaining $4,000,000 will be used for farm credits issued by the Farm Bank and other state-controlled banks.

Reports from Hong Kong state that the local Chinese population is boycotting the Wang Ching-wei press. Circulation of four pro-Wang papers has been halted by a reader-newsdealer boycott.

CHINA GAINS IN BATTLE — The South China province of Kwangsi is now the center of the principal military activity in China. The Japanese invaders are reported in Chinese dispatches to have been flung back to the outskirts of Nanning, near the Kwangtung border.

London Again Claims Right to Stop U.S. Ships

Says German Threat Won't Stop Sea Searches

LONDON, Feb. 16 (UP).—Great Britain tonight reaffirmed her right to take American ships to British ports for examination, but announced at the same time that a new agreement had been reached with the United States regarding American shippers trading with European neutrals.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Economic Warfare maintained that Britain could not exempt United States ships from examination at British contraband control bases, even though Germany claims the "theoretical right" to sink American vessels entering or leaving such bases.

He observed that Britain could not exempt United States ships without granting exemptions to other neutrals and that this would cause the collapse of the entire blockade against Germany.

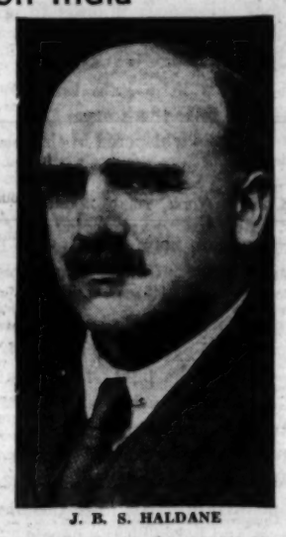
The spokesman added, however, that Britain as a token of willingness to "meet the United States half-way" in the shipping controversy had made an agreement with the U. S. Postoffice Department to speed up the passage of U. S. Shipping documents through the contraband control.

Prof. Haldane Chides British Government on India

LONDON, Feb. 16 (ICN).—Professor J. B. S. Haldane, noted British scientist, recently declared that he wanted to see "India self-governing, because I object to the effect of India on Britain.

"I think," he said, "that it is undesirable that a large British army should permanetly be kept overseas, and that men like Sir John Anderson should try to apply methods learned in Bengal to the Government of Britain.

"So I think self-government for India would mean more self-government for Britain.



J. B. S. HALDANE

Britain Calls Fourth Class Of Conscripts

Boys of 20 Included; Brings Army Total to 1,200,000

LONDON, Saturday, Feb. 17 (UP).—Members of Britain's fourth conscript class, most of them youths who were born in 1916 during the World War, will go to labor offices throughout the country today to register for service.

It was expected that more than 200,000 would be enrolled at some 1,200 offices.

Most of the class are 23 years old. A small percentage are leftovers from a preceding class—boys who reached 20 during September.

It was estimated that 2,000,000 men will be registered this year including all who are under 28. The present program anticipates an army of about 3,000,000 men by the end of 1940. The army already has been expanded from 600,000 in January, 1938, to 1,200,000 in January, 1940.

Previous registrations yielded the following numbers: July, 20 year olds, 219,964; October, 21 year olds, 215,231; December, 22 year olds, 238,585.

The next class, 24 year olds, is expected to register in April. Others, including 27 year olds, will register later.

Today's conscripts probably will be called to the colors starting about six weeks hence.

Youths now 19 will not be conscripted as a separate class but will register from time to time, as they reach the age of 20, with other classes so that this group will be entirely absorbed within a year.

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Anglo-French Pact to Snare German Trade

Halifax-Corbin Treaty Aims at Capture of Enemy's Markets

LONDON, Feb. 16 (UP).—Great Britain and France today signed a commercial agreement aimed at winning Germany's markets throughout the world.

The pact envisages a common export policy designed to capture markets which formerly were outlets for German, Austrian, Czechoslovakian and Polish products.

Besides aiming to win the Reich's markets throughout the world, including the United States, Latin America and the Far East, the agreement also was designed to prevent Anglo-French commercial competition.

The pact was signed at the foreign office by Viscount Halifax, British Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Charles Corbin, French Ambassador to Britain.

It was understood that the Halifax-Corbin pact applies not only to France and the United Kingdom but also to the colonies of both countries. Negotiations were understood to be under way to include the Dominions.

Confidence was expressed by both British and French official quarters that the pact not only will increase Anglo-French trade but will constitute a post-war basis for "economic reconstruction."

British Claim Plane Sank German U-Boat

LONDON, Feb 16 (UP).—A German submarine has been bombed by a Royal Air Force plane and is believed to have sunk in the North Sea, the British Admiralty announced tonight.

JEWISH REFUGEES AND UNEMPLOYED DISCOVER A NEW WORLD

Soviet West Ukraine Builds a Haven and New Life for Jews

By Sam Brown

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Feb. 16. — Four months have elapsed since an end has been put to pogroms and the persecution of the Jewish people in West Ukraine. Vigorous steps have been taken to liquidate race hatred and unemployment—the worst plagues of capitalism—which reigned supreme in the poverty-stricken semi-colonial borderland of the former Polish "state" and which at present has been incorporated into the Ukrainian and Byelo-Russian Republics of the Soviet Union.

Hundreds of thousands of refugees who were unemployed are finding employment in the reorganized industries, commerce and railways. The gates of the Ukrainian and Byelo-Russian Soviet Republics have been opened. Tens of thousands of Jewish refugees and unemployed have, with gratitude, accepted the invitation of the Ukrainian and Byelo-Russian Soviet Governments and have already started a new life in hundreds of cities and towns of these Soviet Republics. Their impressions and experience speak for themselves.

"Here everything is just the opposite," states Marcus Eidelburgh, a former unemployed worker from Lvov (Lwow) and at present a miner in the Donetz Basin.

"Several days prior to the occupation of Lvov by the Red Army, I was badly beaten up by a Polish officer for not showing sufficient enthusiasm in building fortifications.

"When I arrived in Stalino my head was still bandaged. The mine director met us at the station. He insisted that I immediately visit a doctor, and took me there in his car.

"I was dumbfounded. . . . At that time I was yet unaccustomed to Soviet life. This was hard to understand. What could a sick unemployed person, and especially a Jew, expect in Poland? Who would offer him free medical service? Who would offer him work? No one.

"And now, after receiving free medical treatment I am well and at work, work which I yearned for and was unable to find during the last three years. At this mine in Makayevka 95 former unemployed workers from Lvov are also working together with Eidelburgh. Among them are Azindovich, David Faust, Hersh Fuchs, Fefer and others."

A group of former Jewish refugees, in other countries they would remain refugees, in the U.S.S.R. they have become Soviet citizens—S. Mandelker, H. Briek, S. Kirshner, S. Leshtch, S. Diament, J. Liacher and S. Liacher, write:

"More than three months have already passed since we accepted the opportunity provided us and have settled in Manastiritch, a small town in the Soviet Ukraine. Here we found people whose faces are radiant with joy. Everyone leads a cultured, well-to-do life, all have work, their children study in the schools free of charge. Everywhere we have been met with fraternal solicitude and affection. We are making a good living and are overjoyed."

"I have now found out what it means to live," writes Isaac Oirechman. "I am now living in Berdichev and work in the furniture factory. I am happy. I don't have to worry about tomorrow, as I am sure of my job. I stroll along the street and am not afraid that somebody will throw stones at me. . . .

"I am in the Soviet Union, not in Poland. . . . Here such things don't happen. I have received all the facilities necessary to study and attain the fulfillment of my plans."

"The ground was burning under our feet in the former Polish state" writes Abraham Z[illegible] from the Don Basin, where he is employed at Mine No. 10.

"The cordial reception which we received on our arrival will forever remain in our memory. We were met as one meets his own brother. We are filled with gratitude for the concern shown to us by the administration of the mine. We were given good apartments and dormitories, we were supplied with warm clothing and food and everything else needed. Here we feel like bona-fide citizens of a free country."

Motel Caner writes: "I am a Jew. I was one of the two million 'superfluous' Polish Jews for whom the ill-fated Beck energetically strived to secure territory in Australia, in Africa or elsewhere . . . but not in Poland.

"At present I am living in the beautiful capital of the Ukraine, in Kiev. I work in the Kiev shoe factory No. 8. Very often I dream about my future. I am still young, I am keen on studying. At last here in the Soviet Union my dreams will come true."

Two Ships Missing as Storm Lashes Whole Atlantic Coast

BOSTON, Feb. 16 (UP).—Two ships were missing, another was in imminent danger of floundering and a fourth was described as a "drifting derelict" in the storm-lashed Atlantic today.

Four others which had been in distress succeeded in making port under their own power.

The missing vessels were the New Bedford dragger Palmer's Island and the Auxiliary schooner Seretha of Yarmouth, N. S.

The Palmer's Island reported yesterday she had fouled her propeller 22 miles off Gay Head, Martha's Vineyard. The Coast Guard cutters Tahoe and Chelan were searching for her.

The Seretha, with six men and Capt. George Bungay, left Yarmouth Wednesday and has not been reported since. Fishermen asked Halifax aviation officials to send a plane in search of the vessel.

A rescue ship which put out this morning was forced to return by what was described as "tremendous seas."

The 115-foot Boston trawler Flow, her bow smashed, was being kept afloat by a "bucket brigade" 320 miles east of Boston, but Capt. Gremmer Eggerstrom messaged that the water was gaining despite the desperate efforts of his 15-man crew.

While its sister ship, the Crest, stood by and the Coast Guard patrol boat Harriet Lane proceeded toward the scene at forced draft, the flow was creeping toward Halifax, N. S., 75 miles away at a speed of only two knots.

The motorship Pigmalion radioed that the 72-foot Gloucester fishing schooner Doris M. Hawes was a "drifting derelict" 185 miles off Cape Hatteras after having been abandoned by its seven crew members, who were picked up by the Pygmalion.

Los Angeles C.I.O. Condemns F.D.R. For War Budget

Urges California Congressmen to 'Protect Our Civil Rights'; Asks Rejection of AFL Amendments to Wagner Act

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16.—In a strongly worded resolution, the Industrial Union Council yesterday went on record opposing all proposed relief cuts, deploring the proposed increased armament budget and urging all Southern California Congressmen "to protect our civil rights" by voting to make disobedience to the Wagner Act a criminal offense.

The resolution also urged "so-called AFL amendments that actually were promulgated by the National Association of Manufacturers" be defeated.

Noting that Wall Street, under New Deal spending, has increased its profits 101 per cent while payrolls increased but 15 per cent and that there are still 10 million unemployed in the United States, the resolution slashed out at industrialists, who "mean to involve us in this present war, through which they hope to increase their profits and at the same time to restrict drastically the rights of labor."

Text of the Council's "resolves" follows:

1. That we are unalterably opposed to all proposed cuts in the relief budgets; that we rather demand that appropriations for Farm Aid, Public Works, Youth, Housing, and other social projects be materially increased and the agencies administering them be made permanent.

2. That we are equally opposed to the attempt of President Roosevelt to play into the hands of the war-mongers by proposing an increased armament budget, but that instead we propose that these appropriations be put into public works.

3. That we urge our delegation in Congress to protect our civil rights from the onslaughts of these industrialists and their political tools by voting for the Amendment to the Wagner Act that would make disobedience under the Act a criminal offense.

4. That we also urge our delegation in Congress to vote against the so-called "A. F. of L." amendments that actually were promulgated by the National Association of Manufacturers.

Civil Service Workers Will Meet on Budget

Chapter of Union to Plan On Campaign Against Layoffs, Cuts

The Civil Service Chapter of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians has called a special all day conference of city engineering employees, to be held today at the Department of Health Building, 125 Worth St.

In announcing the conference, Mr. Harold Fink, president of the organization said, "We feel that the recent developments in our city and state, the curtailment of budgets and the reaction of our city fathers to these cuts places us in a dangerous position."

"It will be remembered," continued Mr. Fink, "that the last time the city was pressed for mney thousands of civil service engineering employees were laid off. We are determined that civil service technical men shall never again be the 'goats.' It is ironic that Mayor LaGuardia, seeking economies, tried to cut the salaries of civil servants while at the same time he countenanced the criminal waste of funds involved in the fees paid architects and engineers in private practice for wholly unnecessary services."

The conference will have as guest speakers Father John P. Boland, Chairman of the New York State Labor Relations Board; Lewis Alan Berne, International President of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians; and Mary Luciel McGorkey, President of the State, County, and Municipal Workers of America.

Famous Provincetown Theatre Collapses

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Feb. 16 (UP).—The Wharf Theater, the nation's oldest summer playhouse, was doomed today as result of the blizzard.

Famed as the place where Dramatist Eugene O'Neill attained early prominence, the theater gradually was collapsing into Provincetown Harbor. Bits of wreckage including scenery, stage effects and costumes were strewn along the shore. The theater was valued at $20,000.

Garment Union Members to Rally Against Bosses

Faced with a new drive against the wage standards of the dressmakers, the Left-Wing Rank-and-File of Local 22, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, today announced a series of open forums to discuss counter-measures and the coming elections in the union.

The first forum will be held Sunday, 11 A.M. at Mt. Eden Temple, 16 Mt. Eden Ave., the Bronx.

The new threat against union standards has been raised by jobbers of the Popular Priced Dress Association and by contractors who have strongly intimated that they would lock out their workers unless the union agreed to bring back the old "auction block" system of determining wages.

The Left-Wing group has taken the lead in combatting this attempt to turn the clock back in the industry by arousing the dressmakers to the danger. In a recent leaflet it served notice upon "chiseling jobbers that the workers would "not only fight to maintain the present system of price settlement but would also fight to eliminate all weaknesses that prevent the dressmakers from earning a guaranteed minimum on all garments."

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DAUGHTER BORN TO MOTHER WHO LIVES IN AN IRON LUNG: The 5½-pound baby born to Mrs. Grace Volkman in the University Hospital in Minneapolis, Minn., where the mother, a victim of infantile paralysis, has been living in an iron lung. Doctors declare the youngster normal and healthy.

CIO Utility Union Opens Drive for Poll In Con-Edison Here

NLRB to Provide for Election Among 31,000 Workers of Giant Power Concern; CIO Union to Compete Against AFL, Independent

The Amalgamated Utility Workers of the CIO threw its drive among the Consolidated Edison employes on high gear yesterday, as an agreement was reached at the regional office of the National Labor Relations Board, providing for a collective bargaining election among 31,000 workers of the utility in the first week in April.

The tentative agreement, which would place the election date on April 4 and 5, is subject to formal approval at Washington.

The terms for the election, following months of conferences on the issue, meet essentially the demands of the CIO union. Confidential and supervisory personnel is excluded; polling places will be off company property and the workers will vote on their own time so as in no way to be connected with company influence.

The first day will be election for the manual and production workers; the second of the office personnel.

Involved in the contest is the Amalgamated; the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers of the A. F. of L. and the Brotherhood of Consolidated-Edison Employes, an independent organization.

The latter organization consists of the seven locals, formerly "B" locals chartered by the IBEW, which suddenly decided to break away from the A. F. of L. several weeks ago. This group consists essentially of the machinery that made up the company union of the utility up to March, 1937, when the IBEW and the company entered into an agreement, and took over the setup.

The IBEW, insisting that the agreement it entered into is still its property, is endeavoring to keep groups of each of the respective locals through which it will conduct the election.

The CIO's Amalgamated is the veteran union in Consolidated-Edison. Within its ranks are those who have fought for unionism since 1933. With indication that the collective bargaining issue is at last heading to a head in the utility, strong support is rallying to the CIO.

Fun and Frolic At Waterfront Affair Tonight

A night of fun and frolic was promised by the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party at an affair tonight which will include entertainment, dancing, a bar and buffet, at the Croatian Cultural Club, at 236 W. Fortieth St.

Proceesd of the affair, for which 50 cents admission will be charged to guests, are to be used for the Waterfront activities of the C. P. it was announced.

Scheduled on the entertainment end were Earl Robinson, famed ballad master and his chorus of 40 voices; Rosiland Harvey, a glamour girl of song and dance; Mel Scwartz, accordionist, and Gus Havorka, songs and ballads.

Michigan AFL Hits GOP for Relief Slashes

51st Convention Scores Republicans for 'False Economy'

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Feb. 16. The fifty-first annual convention of the Michigan State Federation of Labor opened here with an attack on the State Republican leaders who have "slashed relief, instituted false economy, passed a ripper bill on Civil Service, and defeated labor legislation."

Meanwhile Frank X. Martel, president of the Detroit Federation of Labor received today a communication from William Green, A. F. of L. president informing him that the suspended printers' union locals must be expelled from the local Federation in Detroit. This creates for Martel an embarrassing situation as he is a member of the International Typographical Union. When he was asked by reporters what he would do, he replied that he "had cards in other unions."

Forty-eight proposals of labor legislation, supported by the Michigan Federation of Labor, were defeated it was reported to the convention by Jack Reid, state secretary of the State Federation. He characterized this as showing that "Labor legislation was not popular in the last session of the Legislature."

The Federation will oppose effort to amend the present state Labor Law so as to "force the strikers back to work or any move for compulsory arbitration of industrial disputes."

The state Federation now has 475 locals with a membership of 225,000 an increase of 92 locals with 6,392 members in the past year.

The Convention will continue four days.

White Waiters in Minneapolis Back Negro Fight

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 16.—"If the Negro waiters lose, we will lose also."

This is the feeling that permeates the ranks of hotel and restaurant workers in Minneapolis as the Negro waiters, Local 614, served notice upon the management of the Curtis Hotel that either the same wage be paid to Negro waiters as white workers receive, 30 cents per hour, or there will be a strike today. Negro waiters are now receiving 25 cents per hour.

The management of the Curtis, the one hotel in town that employs Negro waiters exclusively, has for some time been paying less than the scale and as the Negroes have a separate local and are a minority, they have not felt strong enough to oppose the management. However, the militant "Miscellaneous Workers Union," Local 665, is now backing them in the fight. Help has also been pledged by all A. F. of L. locals having workers in the building.

The whole matter was given an airing at a meeting on Lincoln's birthday arranged by Locals 665 and 614, addressed by Wm. Patterson, Negro editor of the Midwest Record.

AFL Painters to Meet Today on Jobless Problem

With 80 per cent of the members unemployed and the administration of Painters District Council 9 taking no action to relieve the situation, the Rank and File social and educational clubs of the union will hold a mass meeting under joint auspices at 2 P. M. today at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place, to press for emergency measures.

Leaders of the Rank and File will address the meeting and review seven months of "misleadership" by the present administration.

GM Plant Poll to Lay Basis For Uniform Agreements

NLRB Elections to Provide Machinery for Uniform Pacts of Working Conditions, President Thomas, of UAW-CIO Announces

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Feb. 16.—Collective bargaining elections among 125,000 employes in 58 General Motors plants, will for the first time provide machinery for a uniform agreement on important provisions for working conditions, officials of the United Automobile Workers of the CIO said.

This was on the basis of the agreement reached between all unions contesting in the election and the corporation that all the plants voting for the same union will be grouped under one joint collective bargaining body.

R. J. Thomas, President of the UAW-CIO and Walter Reuther, director of the union's General Motors division, said:

"This will permit the UAW-CIO to bargain for all the plants which vote CIO and to reach a uniform agreement on such issues as grievance procedure, seniority, shop-steward setup and wages.

"To make early elections possible for most of the General Motors workers we agreed to exclude several plants from the present proceedure. The UAW-CIO will press for elections in these plants in separate NLRB proceedings."

Originally elections at 67 plants were planned. But obstacles raised by either the corporation or a number of A. F. of L. craft organizations threatened prolonged hearings and to delay elections, prompted the UAW to abandonment of polls at the other factories.

Contesting in the election are also the A. F. of L. group in the auto industry headed by Homer Martin, while the International Association of Machinists and Patternmakers League, of the A. F. of L. are seeking collective bargaining rights in a number of departments in plants.

Newark Unions Oppose City Manager Plan

AFL, CIO Urge Voters to Reject Reactionary Business Plan

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEWARK, Feb. 16.—Both the AFL and CIO here are vigorously opposing efforts by the Chamber of Commerce and other big business groups to seize control of the city government by substituting a city manager for the present commission form of government.

The Essex Trades Council of the AFL and the Greater Newark Industrial Union Council of the CIO have adopted resolutions in opposition to the plan, and the CIO at its last meeting appointed a committee to propose to the AFL that joint action between the two be worked out.

Pointing to the example of Trenton, where the labor and progressive movements succeeded in ousting a city manager only after four years, both union bodies are circulating leaflets urging the people to vote against the city manager plan.

Minneapolis Group Protests WPA Trials

Civil Rights Group Sends Protest to FDR on Court Procedure

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 16.—A protest to the Federal Administration on its conduct and disposition of the cases of 162 WPA workers here is being made by the executive board of the Twin City Civil Rights Committee by decision of a regular meeting of the body.

Of the total number of workers charged with violation of the Woodrum Act because of a WPA strike, 125 were dismissed last week, and of the remaining 33 who had been convicted it is expected that the leaders will be given sentences.

The same meeting of the Civil Rights Committee adopted a comprehensive eleven-point program to keep America out of war and to safeguard civil liberties.

The highlights of the program include: to defend the rights of political minorities, including Communists; to defend the rights of the Negro people; to defend the rights of the foreign born; to oppose all manifestations of anti-Semitism.

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A Catholic Liberal Speaks the Truth

Cooney, Catholic Columnist, Writes That the War Is Not 'Holy' But a Conquest by the Ruling Class

(The following excerpt is from this week's column by James B. Cooney, one of the leading columnists of "The New World," organ of the Chicago Archdiocese of the Catholic Church.)

England's conduct is nothing peculiar. It follows a general pattern. Some time ago the New World published an article which pointed out that none of the combatants in European wars, past or present have clean hands. No war was a Holy War by the farthest stretch of the imagination. To prove this point let us look at recent conflicts.

Exhibit A. The last World War. In the face of the evidence we now have:

1. No one can now honestly believe it was fought for democracy or any high ideal.

2. No one believes that any side was entirely innocent nor entirely guilty.

3. No one believes that the peace terms would have been any more honorable and just if the victors and vanquished occupied opposite places. Germany, victorious, would have been just as merciless as the Allies.

4. No one swallows the propaganda about the atrocities that were supposed to have been perpetrated. The horrible stories about babies being roasted, eaten or any fiendish torture you wish to name, that worked people into a frenzy between 1914 and 1918, today enjoy no credence.

Exhibit C. Then there is that little point of time deserving consideration is Mussolini's invasion of Ethiopia to "defend" Italy. There was nothing holy or noble about that.

Exhibit C. Then there is that little affair in Spain that has so devastated that country. There was nothing holy or honorable about that although the propagandists over here tried to make the people swallow the holy aspect of it or else. It was perhaps the most sordid war of all wars, a war in which the parts played by England and France was as sordid and selfish as the part played by Hitler and Mussolini.

Exhibit D. Now we have the present war. No one can honestly or intelligently believe that honesty or justice sit entirely upon the armies of either side in the war.

What all can believe and many do believe is that we are witnessing the rise of totalitarianism throughout the world. Many, not without reason, believe that England and France, in spite of all protests to the contrary, are just as much prototalitarian as any other out and out dictator nation. What else can people believe when they look at the list? There are Spain, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland. All were sacrificed to the dictators. Another defeat, real or feigned, and England and France can pass over the borderline and join their friends and playmates. . . .

What is the explanation? Well to me it looks like the boys in the top brackets, the ruling class, are all set to put the common people back in their places.

Go down the list and reflect upon the improvements that have taken place in the life of most of us since 1915. They are the sops thrown to the people for bleeding and dying and paying for the World War.

But all of these concessions have eaten into the profits and the privileges of the ruling classes, and these classes, in all countries are now ready to put the masses back to work for them. They are being aided and abetted by their faithful allies, the press, the pulpit, the professional propagandists of stage, screen, lecture platform, and microphone, as well as by some educators, legislators of the Dies pattern and simular people of this ilk.

Spanish Refugee Parley in Mexico Calls for World Protests

Bonnet Shuts Paris Office of Spain Aid

Action of Daladier's Minister Menaces Plans to Evacuate Refugees to Latin America; Threatens Whole Relief Program

Dr. Guy Emery Shipler, editor of "The Churchman" and treasurer of the Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign, announced today that a cablegram from France was received last night at the national headquarters of the organization at 381 Fourth Avenue, reporting that Minister of Justice Georges Bonnet has ordered the closing of the office of the Spanish Refugee Emigration Service in Paris.

A telephone inquiry was made to the French Embassy in Washington, Dr. Shipler stated, and Counsellor of the Embassy, M. Jacques Truelle, declared he knew nothing of the matter as yet but had cabled to Paris for information.

"If the report is true," Dr. Shipler said, "it will mean that the work of transporting and resettling thousands of Spanish refugees from France to Latin America will be seriously handicapped, if not sharply curtailed." He added that "two Rescue Ship projects to Santo Domingo and Chile, for which the Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign has been raising funds in this country, are now endangered, as the necessary arrangements were being made by the Emigration Service in Paris."

Julio Alvarez del Vayo, former Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Spanish Republic, who is representing former Premier Juan Negrin at the Continental Conference on Aid to Spanish Refugees now going on in Mexico City, has been informed of the cable from France, Dr. Shipler said. The Paris committee, he said, was formed by Dr. Negrin and other Spanish Republican leaders shortly after the war in Spain ended.

Three Scandinavian Nations to Parley

COPENHAGGEN, Denmark, Feb. 16 (UP).—The Foreign Ministers of Sweden, Denmark and Norway will meet here this week-end, authoritative sources reported tonight.

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Germany Again Warns Ships Of Obeying Allies

BERLIN, Feb. 16 (UP).—The official German news agency, DNB, said today that if a neutral ship is en route to a British control harbor, voluntarily or under compulsion, its cargo is liable to be regarded by Germany as contraband and the ship treated accordingly.

DNB warned neutral shipping to take a lesson from the sinking of the Dutch steamer Burgersdijk. It rejected foreign protests against the torpedoing of the ship and charged the neutral press with lack of neutrality for its criticism.

"The question of contraband is decided by hostile destination," DNB said.

Welles Leaves For European Anti-Soviet Tour

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (UP).—Sumner Welles, Undersecretary of State, left Washington at 2 P. M. today for New York where he will sail tomorrow on a European diplomatic mission of first import to any American move in the war situation. [The Welles trip has been called by European sources an attempt to establish an anti-Soviet war front.]

The Under-Secretary was closeted to the last moment with Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Assistant Secretary of State A. A. Berle, Jr. He indicated to reporters before leaving that he hoped to make a swift trip to Italy, Switzerland, Germany, France and Great Britain and return shortly.

Asks Americas To Condemn Terror Rule

Delegates Urge North, South Americans to Harbor Victims

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 16 (UP).—The inter-American conference to aid Spanish refugees today approved a resolution, offered by Julio Barrenechea, Chilean delegate, which protested against the methods of the fascist regime of General Francisco Franco.

The resolution said:

"The Pan American Conference to Aid Spanish Refugees, with full knowledge of the terror and persecution that have been unleashed in Spain, calls attention of the civilized world to the horrors and cruelties of the Franco regime and calls upon all the peoples of the Americas to raise a firm and sustained protest against the iniquities committed by the de facto government that today subjugates the heroic Spanish people."

A former Spanish Deputy named Carton told delegates at the second day's meeting that the situation of Spanish refugees in France was "terrible" and that it might be necessary to evacuate them to America, not in order to improve their condition "but in order to save their lives."

"It is necessary that we do something effective in order to help them," Carton said.

CHILDREN DIE DAILY

He added that three or four children die daily in concentration camps because of malnutrition and lack of care, and said that if each local labor union in Latin America adopted only one refugee then the entire problem would be solved.

"There is sufficient room for the refugees in non-cultivated lands or in Argentina, Brazil and the United States, and, furthermore, they would be a valuable element for the economy of those countries," he said.

Harold Jacobs of the United States also spoke of the plight of the refugees in French camps.

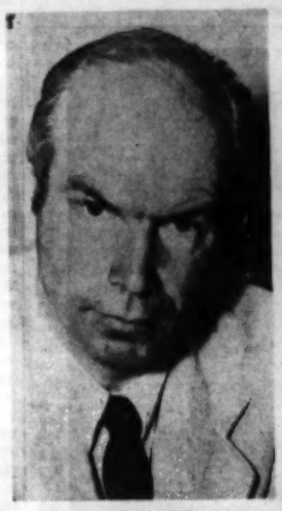
Another plenary session will be held at 4 P. M. tomorrow, with the closing session scheduled for Sunday morning.

In Tomorrow's Sunday Worker

A Heroic 'Man in White' Who Died for China

● *In tomorrow's issue the Sunday Worker will publish a remarkable document by Dr. Norman Bethune, world-famous Communist fighter for democracy, written shortly before his death in China.*

● *In this article Dr. Bethune recorded for the last time his personal experiences in administering aid to the wounded partisans at the front. The misery, the pain, the hopes and aspirations of men fighting for life and freedom on the threshold of death are here revealed with shocking truth. No one could have written with such humanity, with such love for the sons of China than the man who is now part of the mud and blood of China's battlefields.*



DR. NORMAN BETHUNE

● *Be sure to read Dr. Bethune's first-hand record, "Wounds," in the Sunday Worker.*

IRA Men Hang While Britain Gives Reich 'Honored Foe' Status

Irish Nationalist Party Tells Home Secretary Irish-Americans Will Be Aroused by Death Sentence to Two Men

BELFAST, Ireland, Feb. 16 (UP).—Leaders of the Nationalist Party wrote Home Secretary Sir John Anderson today that Germans who "sink your ships and kill hundreds of your seamen are treated as gallant foes" but "two Irishmen who inadvertently killed two of your citizens in endeavoring to arouse the conscience of your people to the iniquities of the partition of Ireland are sent to the gallows."

The letter was in reply to Sir John's refusal to halt the execution of Peter Barnes and James Richards, young Irish Republicans who were hanged for a bombing in which two persons were killed.

"The public here noted the humiliating attitude of your ministry in agreeing to hand over nine Germans captured from a Japanese liner although the action was in conformity to international law," the letter said.

"We are sure that the people of our race in the United States, as well as in the British colonies, will realize that England's imperial policy of aggression only changes when confronted with a stronger nation and then she makes virtue a necessity as in the case of Japan.

"Those who hoped for a better day dawning in relations between this country and England had the tragic awakening in your latest decision.

"If the result will be to establish here a united front among all classes against British imperial aggression the lives of the two Irishmen will not have been given in vain."

British Ship Torpedoed

DUBLIN, Feb. 16 (UP).—A German submarine sank the British steamer Langleeford, 4,622 tons, 70 miles off the southwest coast of Ireland today.

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LaGuardia to Swear in Negro Judge Monday

Mayor LaGuardia announced yesterday that on Monday he will swear in Myles Paige to the Special Sessions Court in Brooklyn. Judge Paige will be the first Negro to hold that position.

At the same time, the Mayor said, he will swear in Matthew Troy to fill the vacancy of the late Judge James E. Finnegan.

Both Paige and Troy are being elevated from the Magistrates' bench.

Paige has been acting as Special Sessions judge in place of Judge A. V. B. Voorhis, retired. He has recently established his residence in Brooklyn in order to be eligible for the appointment

Charles Ramsgate, corporation council, will be appointed to Magistrates' Court to replace Judge Troy.

Parents Discuss Education and Democracy

The United Parents Associations of New York are holding a series of Wednesday night meetings on Education for Democracy at Central Commercial High School, 214 East 42nd St., N. Y. C., for five weeks.

The first meeting "Have Parents a Stake in Democracy" takes place Feb. 21st with Alexander Fichlander, principal of P. S. 164 Brooklyn as the guest speaker. Other topics to be discussed at the coming meetings include "The Development of Democracy in the United States," "Propaganda in a Democracy," "Can We Retain Democracy in War?" and "How We Can Improve Our Democracy."

Midwest FBI Victims Are Freed After Wide Protest

Ass't Att'y Gen'l Hopkins Flies to Detroit to Ask for Dismissal

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Defense Committee, issued the following statement.

"We are glad that the Department of Justice has ordered the dismissal of the indictments in the Spanish recruiting case. Public indignation at the actions of the F.B.I. has expressed itself nationally, with the formation of a broad committee to protect the civil rights of the defendants. This afternoon we received wires from Franz Boas, Tom Mooney and Josephine Truslow Adams lending their support to our committee. Prominent individuals and organizations throughout the country have also given support in various forms. We believe that in dismissing the indictments, the Civil Liberties Division of the Department of Justice is showing that it is responsive to public opinion.

TO HOLD VICTORY RALLY

"The actions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, however, merit nothing but censure. The extremely high-handed actions of the F.B.I. agents, which included the melodramatic searching of the prisoners' homes at 5 A. M. without the showing of warrants, holding the twelve arrested incommunicado and chaining them together, simply do not jibe with American democratic procedure.

"This whole case shows that the greatest duty of the Department of Justice is to protect the civil rights of minority groups, not to abrogate them. This is particularly true at the present time, with the current attempt to create a war hysteria. Democracy is indivisible. It cannot be denied to one without denying it to all."

The Civil Rights Federation together with the Bill of Rights Defense Committee are organizing a huge victory mass meeting to take place at the Central Methodist Church, Thursday evening, Feb. 22. Congressman Vito Marcantonio and prominent labor leaders are being invited to speak. A number of the released people will speak also.

LIST OF INTENDED VICTIMS

Of the 16 indicted, those who were arrested in Detroit and released today are Phil Raymond, prominent State leader of the Communist Party; Joe Clark, State Executive Secretary of the Young Communist League; Dr. Eugene Shafarman, Dr. John L. Rosenfeld, Frank O. Feldt, Jr., active in the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade; Leo W Davis, Robert M. Taylor, former secretary of the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade; Harold Hartley, secretary of the Detroit Branch of the International Labor Defense; Rudolph Schware, secretary of the Wayne County Workers' Alliance; Peter Kowal and Mary Paige. The F. B. I. held in Milwaukee Dr. Frederick C. Lendrum, formerly of Detroit, against whom the indictment was also dismissed.

The F. B. I. also issued a warrant for the arrest of William Weinstone, former secretary of the Communist Party of Michigan; Pat Daniels, Solomon Green, Mannie Cohen of New York. The indictments against these four were likewise dismissed.

The arrests in Detroit took place betwen four and five o'clock in the morning on Feb. 6. The arrested were chained and held incommunicado. Federal Judge Edward J. Mcinet set bail of $20,000 in five cases, $10,000 in four cases and $2,500 each for the two doctors. The $20,000 bail was demanded of Raymond, Davis, Hartley, Kowal and Feldt.

Telegrame are pouring in from important people all over the country to the offices of the Civil Rights Federation, 1001 Hofmann Building, Detroit, congratulating them for the splendid victory in defeating the F. B. I. move to persecute 16 people for their struggle in behalf of democracy.

A huge delegation met the released workers at the Milan Detention Prison.

Failure to Prosecute Maryland Lynchers Brings Huge Protest

C.P. Leader Charges County Sheriff Knows Identity of at Least 40 Members of Mob Who Threatened to Hang Negro Mother, Child

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BALTIMORE, Feb. 16.—Mass demands that state and Federal authorities prosecute those responsible for mob violence on Maryland's Eastern Shore are mounting rapidly with more and more organizations protesting the failure of officials to take action.

Alfred Blumberg, State Secretary of the Communist Party, in accepting the candidacy for U. S. Senator at a Communist Nominating Convention last night, scored the fact that no steps have as yet been taken to apprehend the lynch mob leaders.

Blumberg charged that the Sheriff of the county where the violence occurred knows forty members of the mob.

Meanwhile other organizations are taking action on the attack made by a mob of 1,000 men who threatened a Negro mother and her 14-year-old daughter with a noose in order to "extract" information from them concerning vague murder charges against their husband and father.

YOUTH GROUP PROTESTS

The Baltimore Negro Youth Federation at a mass meeting sent protests to Governor O'Connor and called upon all its affiliated organizations to send similar protests.

The Baltimore Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is holding its regular meeting tonight and plans to make the Eastern Shore events the major topic of discussion and action.

The City Council of the Baltimore Workers Alliance today announced that it has sent protest wires to the Governor, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to Maryland's Senators, demanding prosecution of the lynch leaders and immediate passage of the anti-lynching bill. Leaders of the Alliance are taking the initiative in calling a conference of all progressive civic and labor organizations to unite the people of the State for effective action.

SCALE SENSITIVE ENOUGH TO WEIGH THE MARK OF A HEAVY PENCIL: Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, Director of the United States Mint, using the Heusser Assay Balancer at the annual weighing of two out of every 10,000 coins produced in Philadelphia's mint each year. The device records weights as small as one three-millionth of an ounce.

Paraguay Cabinet Gives President Free Hand

ASUNCION, Paraguay, Feb. 16 (UP).—The cabinet today tendered its resignation to President Jose F. Estigarribia to give him a free hand in reorganizing the government.

New York From Air Yesterday—Even the Bay Frozen

NEW YORK UNDER A BLANKET OF SNOW: View from the top of the Empire State Building showing midtown and downtown Manhattan after the recent 8½-inch snowfall. The Flatiron Building is in the center foreground. Silhouetted against the waters of New York harbor are the skyscrapers of the financial district. In the upper left are the Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges spanning the East River. The Hudson River is shown at the upper right.

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The Detroit FBI Retreat Must Cement the People's Vigilance

By Elmer Johnson

State Secretary, Michigan Communist Party

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Feb. 16.—The announced dismissal of the government indictment covering sixteen progressive citizens of Detroit on "charges" of aiding Spanish democracy, is a victory for the defenders of civil rights in the state of Michigan, as well as nationally.

The dismissal represents a setback to the forces of reaction and the warmongers. This victory can be attributed, first of all, to the widespread indignation and the hundreds of protests that arose from the ranks of organized labor, of the unemployed, the Negroes, the leaders of liberal thought in all fields, and from many other defenders of the civil liberties of the people.

The Michigan Civil Rights Federation initiated and sponsored the Committee for the Defense of the Bill of Rights. The leaders of this movement correctly saw what this "Gestapo" assault on the 16 citizens involved—that it represented a challenge and threat to the democratic institutions of our country — and played a leading role in the defense of the victims of the F.B.I.

The Department of Justice and the F.B.I., by their own admission, were compelled to retreat. In so many words, they were forced to declare that they had no case against their intended victims, into whose homes they broke in the dead of night—a vicious incident that should serve to arouse the people everywhere.

Let not Attorney General Jackson, and O. John Rogge, chief of the so-called Civil Liberties Division of the Department of Justice, who are attempting to pose as "liberals" try to exonerate themselves for this onslaught against the constitutional rights of the people, by the political buck-passing trick indulged in by all demagogues when caught in a nefarious act by the public, by pleading they "knew nothing" of the raids and arrests until after it was an accomplished fact.

Did not Jackson and Rogge know that they had no case? Did they not know that at the very moment these illegal midnight raids took place, resulting in the incommunicado imprisonment of the sixteen loyal defenders of democratic Spain, that the President of the United States and the capitalist press generally were lending moral and material encouragement for recruits and arms to the Butcher of Finland, Baron Mannerheim? And are they not at the same time continuing similar indictment, conviction and persecution of the foremost leader for peace in this nation—Earl Browder? Similarly William Wiener and others are being persecuted. Are they not continuing to distort and violate the anti-Trust laws by applying them against the trade union movement?

The Attorney General, after squirming under the nation-wide protest, throws some light upon this outrageous assault when he states (on February 15th):

"The United States Attorney is subject to no criticism in this connection, for he has acted strictly in accordance with his instruction from Washington."

By this statement the Attorney General unwittingly admits that the F.B.I. and the Department of Justice is used by the administration as a willing tool in its drive toward war and reaction.

Those forces in this country which declare that "democracy is at stake in the European war" and through this lie, are trying desperately to draw America into the war on the side of the Allies, unmask themselves when they imprison and persecute those very persons who demonstrate that they are the true defenders of democracy by their activities in behalf of Democratic Spain.

These intended victims of the Gestapo F.B.I. arrests in Detroit are widely known in our city as some of the best representatives of the people, as some of the most untiring fighters for the advancement of the welfare of the unemployed, the trade union movement and the people generally.

Let the wage-earners, the liberal-minded defenders of civil liberties everywhere in the country draw a vital lesson from the arrests, imprisonment and subsequent retreat of the government in this case.

This is a lesson which may have to be applied again and again in the future, as the administration plunges ahead into the slaughter-house of war. The alert, aroused indignation of the people, in every instance where their inalienable rights are threatened,—the united, decisive immediate protest—can be an effective check on the attack of the warmongers.

The splendid response and unity shown by the people of the nation in this case, should be strengthened, cemented and maintained as an effective barrier against the real enemies of the people—those who would destroy real democracy and involve America in the imperialist war.

INDIANA LAKE COUNTY CIO HITS WAR LOANS

Storm Toll Is Heavy, 70 Die in Nation

City Faces Million Dollar Street Cleaning Bill; 5 Die Shovelling Snow

The St. Valentine's Day blizzard was estimated last night to have taken almost 70 lives and to have caused several million dollars of damage.

Highways throughout most of the northeastern seaboard region were still blocked by snowdrifts that in some places were 15 feet deep. Small boats and cottages along the Long Island, New Jersey and New England coasts were destroyed.

In metropolitan New York, five persons had died from over-exertion while shoveling snow. Cleaning the streets was a $1,000,000 job. A force of 30,000 sanitation department employes was still working on it. They had been forbidden the use of water to flush the snow away, because of a shortage in the city's reservoirs due to a drought.

New England's deaths numbered 28 and damage was $1,000,000. In Pennsylvania, mountainous rural areas where 20 inches of snow fell, were still isolated. Thousands of automobiles were stranded on the highways. Shipping along the coast had resumed normal schedules, but air line service was expected to be impaired the rest of the week and the American Automobile Association reported that travel throughout the storm area was still unadvisable.

Southern Woman Turning to Stone, No Cure Known

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 16 (UP).—Mrs. Nellie Bass, 39-year-old Bessemer, Ala., housewife, was in a local hospital today suffering from Scleroderma, a disease that is slowly turning her body to stone.

The condition first became noticeable on Jan. 1 when her eyelids began feeling swollen. Two or three days later her neck was affected then her arms and gradually the entire body.

Mrs. Bass was admitted to the hospital on January 18 and there the nature of her ailment, for which there is no known cure, was determined.

Her skin is pale, shiny and feels like leather. Some parts of her body feel stonier and more leathery than others.

Usually, there is no expression on her face, because she can't move the muscles. The skin is drawn tight.

Her husband, Arthur E. Bass, is employed by the Southern Agriculturalist, with headquarters in Nashville, Tenn. They have no children.

Phila. Rally to Hear Rep. Coffee on Congress

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16.—Congressman John M. Coffee, one of the outstanding progressives in the House of Representatives, will speak before the Peoples Forum on "Congress and the American People."

The forum will be held at Town Hall, 150 N. Broad Street, on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 8:15 P. M.

Congressman Coffee is the leader of the liberal bloc in the House.

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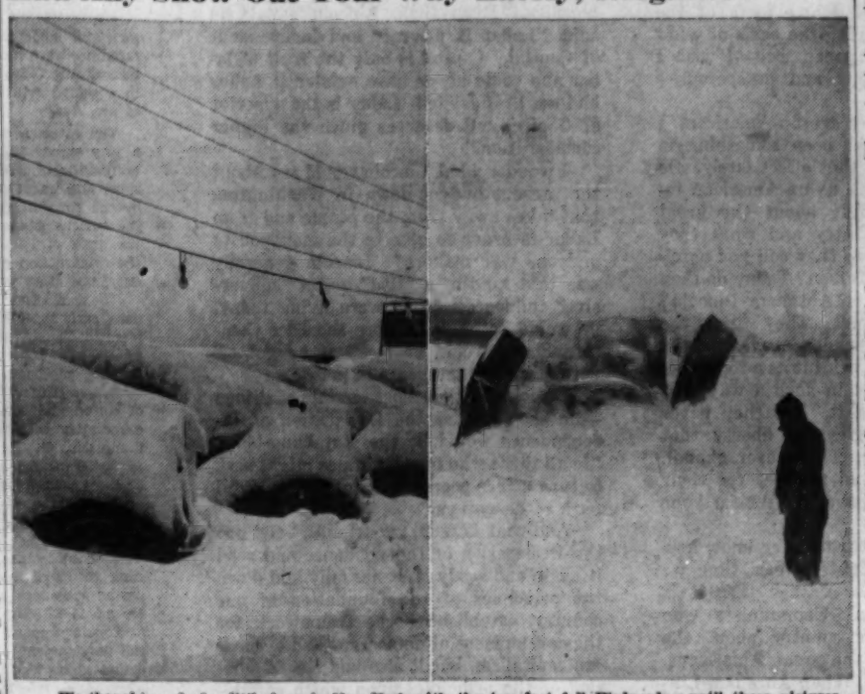

We thought we had a little here in New York with the two-foot fall Wednesday until these pictures—came in by dog team from Pittsburgh. On the right a Western Pennsylvania highway snowplow is doing its stuff in four-foot drifts.

Logger Says 'Yanks Aren't Coming'; Is Sent to Jail as 'Vagrant'

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 16.—A jobless logger of military age was stripped of his constitutional rights in police court here recently because he broke the news to Lord Alfred Duff-Cooper that "The Yanks Are NOT Coming!"

Herbert Johnson, 29 and unemployed, was collared by police and booked as a "disorderly person" for passing out handbills outside Meany Hall where the former first lord of the British Admiralty was lecturing.

Without a shred of evidence to sustain the charge, Police Judge William F. Devin convicted Johnson on the flimsy pretext he was in "technical violation of the vagrancy law!"

Broad terms of the vagrancy law here covers loitering on a public street without visible means of support. The case was immediately appealed and it is confidently expected that superior court will wipe out Judge Devin's stab at civil rights in Seattle.

Handbills, sponsored by the campus branch of the Communist Party threw the searchlight on the imperialist aims of Britain and echoed the slogan of the maritime unions which is now sweeping the nation —The Yanks Are NOT Coming!

In filing notice of appeal, Attorney Ross Kingston said: "This decision strikes at the very heart of civil rights. Herbert Johnson was lawfully exercising his constitutional right. That right was taken away from him because he was unemployed."

If this ruling were permitted to stand, according to Kingston, it renders ineffective the recent decision of the Supreme Court covering handbills. Prior to the ruling, however, a test case brought here had resulted in the handbills ordinance being declared invalid.

Hardly had the sweeping ramifications of the decision become apparent than Judge Devin again sprang into the limelight as sponsor of a Moral Re-Armament gathering that leans heavily on propaganda of war-mongers.

Purpose of the MRA luncheon to be held at a swank hotel Tuesday is "National Unity Through Moral Re-Armament."

Trade unionists and progressives prepared to wage a vigorous fight for protection of civil rights as the MRA judge revealed an ominous trend by cracking down on the rights of unemployed.

Rockwell Kent Heads Wiener Defense Group

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United States Supreme Court, if necessary.

Thirty-five thousand contribution lists for voluntary contributions have been issued amongst members and friends of the International Workers Order, of which Mr. Wiener is president, thus affording a practical method for the vast membership of the International Workers Order to show its solidarity and support of our persecuted president.

The Committee which has been voluntarily sponsored by several score of outstanding leaders of the International Workers Order from various parts of the country, including Max Bedacht, John E. Middleton, Dave Greene, Louise Thompson, Dr. Julius Littinsky, and others emphasize that money is needed immediately, and urges all members of the International Workers Order to exert their every effort to raise the necessary funds.

While Mr. Wiener will not be sentenced until next Tuesday, steps for perfection of his appeal must be taken at once.

Checks should be made payable to Julius Littinsky, Treasurer, and sent to Norman H. Tallentire, Secretary, 80 E. 11th St., Room 436, New York City, headquarters of the Defense Committee.

Gannes' Condition Is Reported Good

The condition of Harry Gannes, under treatment at the Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn following a major operation, was reported as good last night.

Gannes, foreign editor of the Daily Worker, was the author of several well known books on foreign affairs.

Schooner in Distress

The fishing schooner Palmers Island is disabled about 220 miles southeast of New York and has asked for assistance, MacKay Radio reported last night.

Camden Yard in Navy Bid

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (UP).—The New York Ship Building Corp., Camden, N. J., today submitted an apparent low bid of $17,990,000 apiece for building two cruisers in the Navy's 1940 construction program.

Leaps from Detroit Hotel

BOSTON, Feb. 16 (UP). — Karl Dolliff, 37, of 31 Boulevard Road, Wellesley, either leaped or fell to his death from the 12th floor of the Hotel Statler today. His body landed on a fifth-floor areaway.

Lewis Stand Against FDR Is Endorsed

Local Unions Secure Thousands of 'Yanks' Stickers to Display

(Special to the Daily Worker)

GARY, Ind., Feb. 16.—The Lake County (Gary Indiana) Industrial Union Council (CIO), took action against war loans to warring foreign countries, in support of the progressive political stand of John L. Lewis.

It further voted support for the striking Chicago Guildsmen of Hearst's Herald-American, of the Harrison-Walker Refractory Company strikers who are fighting against the silicate dust that threatens their lives, and for Congressman Wm. T. Schulte, of the 1st district of Indiana, because of his vote against the infamous Dies Committee.

The LCIUC which represents 65,000 CIO workers in the industrial Calumet region is made up chiefly of steel workers from Gary, East Chicago and Hammond and oil workers from East Chicago, Whiting and Hammond.

Three thousand copies of the "Yanks Are not Coming" pamphlets were purchased for sample distribution to those locals that have not already bought large numbers.

Loans to any foreign power untill we have solved our number one problem, unemployment, were condemned; all other unneutral acts by the U. S. Government or its officials were castigated.

A letter was sent to Congressman Schulte praising him for his American vote against the un-American Dies Committee.

The Council also elected a progressive slate of officers: Pres. Cleo Owens a steel worker; Vice-President Walter Frisbie an oil worker; Financial Secretary Ralph Hyndman a steel worker; Recording Secretary Joe Sisco of District 50 United Mine Workers; Treasurer, Emmet English a steel worker; Trustee Otto Hayworth an oil worker, and Guard Henry Gidney, District 50 UMWA.

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

The text of the resolution endorsing the political stand of John L. Lewis:

"Roosevelt's budget message to Congress officially buried the New Deal. The great humanitarian and social measures which united all labor behind the President and his New Deal were curtailed or destroyed.

"With production exceeding the 1929 levels, 11 million Americans are still vainly searching for employment, but relief cuts are given them instead of jobs.

"The Lake County Industrial Union Council therefore unanimously supports the political stand of John L. Lewis, chairman of the Congress of Industrial Organizations and President of Labor's Non-Partisan League as he expressed it before the 50th Annual Convention of the UMWA and in his recent speech before the American Youth Congress.

"The Lake County Industrial Union Council further supports the stand of John L. Lewis as president of Labor's Non-Partisan League that the support of Labor cannot be taken for granted by either major political party, or by any professional politicians, and in applying this locally shall at this time refrain from making any commitments."

LEGISLATIVE PARLEY

A committee from the County Committee of LNPL requested the Council to appoint a committee to work with the LNPL committee to jointly sponsor a legislative conference for the first district of Indiana to formulate a legislative program.

W. Frisbie was elected coordinator for legislative activity in Lake County.

Last Thursday, Local 210 of the Oil Workers International Union purchased 500 copies of the "Yanks Are Not Coming."

Food Stamp Aid For Rochester Put at $713,483

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Feb. 16.—The nation's first surplus food stamp plan has added $713,483 to the grocery purchasing power of Rochester residents in the last nine months.

Officials of the Federal Surplus Commodities Corp. said $2,140,449 worth of food stamps had been distributed since the plan began last May 16. Of this amount, $1,426,966 was spent for orange stamps good for any item on grocery shelves.

The balance was distributed free in blue stamps, one for every two orange ones, and these were good for surplus commodities.

7 Families Flee Fire

Seven families were driven into the streets early yesterday when a three-alarm fire spread to their homes from a factory at 529 and 531 Park Ave., Brooklyn.

Recall Taylor From Vatican, Baptists Demand From FDR

Dr. Weaver Says FDR Paid Only Lip-Service to Doctrine of the Separation of the Church and State

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Strongly criticizing President Roosevelt for "giving only lip service" to the American democratic doctrine of separation of church and state, the Baptist Church, it was learned today, has called on the President to recall Myron C. Taylor, appointed representative of the President to the Vatican.

The Rev. Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, for the executive committee on public relations of the Baptist Church, demanded that the President make a "public statement" to clarify the status of Taylor, whom the Vatican has revealed it will consider as having diplomatic status.

The President, faced by stern opposition from the Baptist, Lutheran and Methodist churches immediately upon announceemnt of his decision to send Taylor to the Vatican, called leaders of these churches into conference on Jan. 9, and "assured" them that the Taylor appointment would not mean American diplomatic recognition of the Vatican, a church body.

These assurances, Weaver said, "accepted with serious reservations."

Dr. Weaver's statement issued in Washington on Wednesday, was prompted by dispatches from the Vatican stating that there the Taylor appointment was equivalent to diplomatic recognition, and would afford diplomatic status to the apostolic delegate in Washington.

TEXT OF STATEMENT

Dr. Weaver's statement follows, in full:

"The statement by a Vatican jurist, published in the New York Times Feb. 14, that Myron C. Taylor, the personal representative of President Roosevelt, is not distinguished from other diplomatic agents representing other States, fills the 10,250,000 American Baptists with dismay.

"The Vatican claims that, without the consent of the State Department, or the confirmation of the Ambassador by the United States Senate, diplomatic relations with this country are established as soon as 'the letter of credence,' signed by the President, is presented.

"It follows that the Apostolic Delegate becomes the official representative of the Vatican to the American Governemnt.

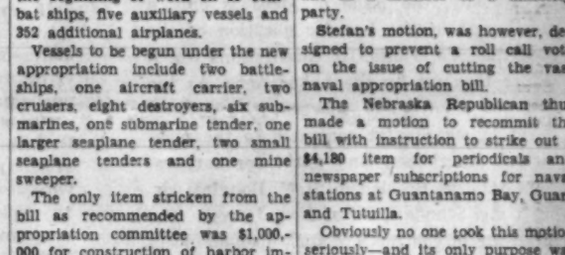
"Assurances were given by the President to the protesting groups who by invitation met with him on Jan. 9, that this was not to be done.

"It was expected by those who attended the conference with the President that he would make a public declaration that under no conditions would Mr. Taylor be an ambassador to the Vatican, but simply a representative of the President, called an ambassador to social purposes, to relay messages as he wished them to be delivered.

"If the President does not intercept Mr. Taylor and allows the Pope of Rome to establish a diplomatic relationship contrary to Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution, which says that the President 'shall nominate and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate shall appoint ambassadors,' then an issue of the greatest possible moment will be created.

"Can the free people of America permit a foreign ecclesiastical power to name the terms under which a representative of the President of the United States shall be recognized?

"The Baptists and the other evangelical groups who protested the appointment of Mr. Taylor, accepted with serious reservations the explanations of the President, and if he does not clarify the situation by a public statement and appropriate action, they will be compelled to believe that the President is giving only lip service to his proclaimed devotion to the principle of the separation of church and State. We believe that the time has come for the President to give instant attention to the recall of Mr. Taylor."



A WORLD'S FAIR LABOR AGREEMENT FOR 1940—Harry A. Van Arsdale (left), business manager of Electrical Workers Union Local 3 (AFL), and Chairman Harvey D. Gibson of the board of directors of the New York World's Fair as they concluded a no-strike, no-lockout agreement providing for union labor on all electrical work.

House Votes Record Navy Spending Spree

(Continued from Page 1)

naval expansion program which has been started by the Roosevelt administration in the last two years, the bill passed today provides construction of a large number of new ships.

Funds are provided in the bill for the beginning of work on 19 combat ships, five auxiliary vessels and 352 additional airplanes.

Vessels to be begun under the new appropriation include two battleships, one aircraft carrier, two cruisers, eight destroyers, six submarines, one submarine tender, one larger seaplane tender, two small seaplane tenders and one mine sweeper.

The only item stricken from the bill as recommended by the appropriation committee was $1,000,000 for construction of harbor improvements at the Pacific Island of Guam.

On all the major items in the bill, national unity between Republicans and the Democrats in support of the President's armaments program was in full swing.

Despite all the speeches on economy by the Republicans and by conservative Democrats, no serious effort was made to slash any of the important items in the unprecedented naval appropriation bill.

Typical of this new found unity was the manner in which a record vote on the question of reducing the appropriation was prevented.

Rep. Marcantonio had prepared a motion to recommit the bill to cut the total amount by $100,000,000 and he expected to get considerable support from Congressmen from rural and urban areas who resented cuts in appropriations for relief for the unemployed and for farmers.

As a member of a minority party, Marcantonio had the right under the rules of the House to make this motion, and in view of the obvious absence of a quorum he would have been able to force a roll call.

He was forestalled by Rep. Karl Stefan of Nebraska, one of the Congressmen in charge of the bill for the Republicans, who was also able to get in a motion to recommit as a member of a minority party.

Stefan's motion, was however, designed to prevent a roll call vote on the issue of cutting the vast naval appropriation bill.

The Nebraska Republican thus made a motion to recommit the bill with instruction to strike out a $4,180 item for periodicals and newspaper subscriptions for naval stations at Guantanamo Bay, Guam and Tutuilla.

Obviously no one took this motion seriously—and its only purpose was to prevent a move to cut the appropriation.

Following this maneuver, Rep. Marcantonio rose to his feet and said that the Stefan motion was "meaningless and served the purpose of preventing a motion for a 10 per cent cut."

He urged the unemployed and the farmers whose appropriations have been cut by Congress to consider today's events in the House.

Rep. Charles McCormack, one of the Democratic leaders in the House, defended the procedure that had been followed and said that exactly the same thing had happened recently when he had wanted to recommit a State Department appropriation bill with a motion to cut off funds for the American Embassy at Moscow.

Marcantonio replied that the difference was that "in your case nobody got hurt and in this case the workers and the farmers got the boot."

Harlem Meeting to Hear Cacchioneon Anti-Alien Bills

A mass rally in East Harlem against anti-alien bills and for the defense of civil liberties, at which Peter V. Cacchione will be the main speaker, will be held Friday, Feb. 23, at 8 P.M. in Chilean Hall, 172 East 116th St.

Called under the auspices of the Communist Party of East Harlem, the rally will launch a petition campaign to collect 10,000 signatures calling upon Congressmen to oppose the anti-alien bills now flooding Congress.

Other speakers at the rally will include Hubert Staton, executive secretary of the Communist Party of the 20th Assembly District; John Gonzalez, executive secretary of the 18th A.D., and Farrar Marchini. A program of entertainment will also be offered. Admission will be free.

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SUCCESS in dyeing depends not so much on the type of dye you use as on how well you follow directions.

Good results in dyeing can be secured with powder, cake, or liquid dye. But to secure an even color with powdered and cake dye, and to avoid streaks, dissolve these types of dyes in water and strain them through cloth before you add them to the dye bath.

Read the label very carefully when you purchase the dye. Some dyes are fast to silk and wool, but not to other fabric. Some are fast to washing but not to sunlight or perspiration. Generally, fibers like wool and pure silk dye better than cotton, linen or rayon. Worst risks are weighted or filled silks, and fabrics faded and streaked by sunshine. Choose the type of dye that is best suited to your needs.

Before you dye a garment, read the directions and follow them to the T. Remove all trimmings, and buttons from the garment and rip out hems, pleats, and linings so the dye can penetrate evenly. Spots and stains should be removed, and the fabric thoroughly washed and rinsed before dyeing. Starch, sizing, or filling should be washed out of new fabrics.

When dyeing, use plenty of water —preferably soft; keep the garment in constant motion by stirring, and be sure no part of the fabric remains at the top or bottom of the solution.

"Finally, remember that tints, used in cool water, will not color a fabric permanently, as will a dye."

TAKE CARE OF YOUR HAT

Women's hats have a shorter life than men's, statistics indicate, but there are ways to add to the life span of a felt hat.

Felt hats should be brushed before they are put on, but the brushing should be done with a brush made of hair and not with a whisk broom. The brushing should also be in the direction of the nap from left to right. Try a dry rubber sponge to take out spots. When felt hats get wet all the creases and folds should be pushed out and the hat should be placed on a table to dry. It should not be placed near a radiator or in a closet that is overheated. When it is finally dry, the hat can be pushed back into shape easily.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1940

The National Committee Meets

• The meeting of the National Committee of the Communist Party opens here today.

The meeting will review the work done by the Party since the last meeting of the National Committee at the outbreak of the war, estimate the effectiveness of its struggle for peace and map plans for a national convention and the November elections.

While the national committees of the Republican and Democratic Parties meet to figure out how best to chain the people to the war plans of American imperialism, the highest committee of the Communist Party meets in order to further the struggle of the people for peace, civil liberties and jobs.

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Making Crime Profitable

• The Smith Committee and the press are up in arms over the disclosure that the NLRB and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation agreed to exchange information so that violators of the Wagner Act would not receive government loans.

To what extent these loans have actually been withheld is not made clear. But certainly if they were not, they should have been and should be withheld in the future. A violator of the Wagner Act should be penalized, not helped.

Actually, the issue of loans is only a small part of the broader question of the government's relation to corporations which refuse to abide by the Labor Act. As the CIO has continually charged, the Administration awards fat contracts to the most vicious reactionary and anti-labor corporations such as Bethlehem Steel, Douglas Aircraft and Standard Oil of New Jersey. The awarding of contracts to such open-shoppers actually gives added incentive for violating the Labor Act.

The CIO proposal to amend the Wagner Act to provide criminal penalties for violators of the act and to bar the government from awarding them contracts, should receive full support. The Administration must stop dealing with these law-breaking corporations with kid gloves and lining their pockets at the very moment when they are laughing at the law of the land.

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Mr. Ickes Pleads With Wall Street

• New Deal leaders who a few months ago were thundering—at least in words—against the monopolies, are today trying to demonstrate that they are the safest friends that Wall Street can find.

Speaking before an audience of open-shoppers and bankers at the Economic Club the other night, Secretary of the Interior Ickes declared that in this war period, President Roosevelt is the "strongest protection that the old-fashioned American way of life has." To bankers and open-shoppers, the "old-fashioned way" has only one meaning: the way of super-profits and exploitation.

Lest anyone miss his meaning, Ickes then went on to state: "Millions of people, who no longer have faith in the profit system, will follow him (the President) in faith in the protection of that system." Ickes also appealed to the big money bags to accept the Democratic Party's overtures of "national unity" on the ground that all agreements and disagreements become secondary before Roosevelt's value as a "symbol of confidence" for capitalism and its system of war and hunger.

When such admissions of abject surrender come from the mouth of what was formerly one of the most militant of the New Dealers in the Administration, is it not clear that the labor and the people need a new party for the November elections—their own party which, instead of embracing Wall Street in this period of war, will wage a successful fight for peace and security?

Address by Browder at Philadelphia Lenin-Lincoln Memorial

The Spirit of Jefferson, Lincoln Must Be Resurrected

The following is the text of the speech of Earl Browder delivered to an overflow crowd at the Lincoln-Lenin Memorial meeting held in Philadelphia on Friday, Feb. 9.

[Efforts of the Philadelphia warmongers to prevent Browder from speaking by cancelling the contract on the original hall hired backfired when the arrangements committee secured the Erlanger Theatre for the meeting. So big was the overflow crowd, however, that two other halls had to be secured to handle the throng, which cheered the fighting speech of the Communist leader.]

Friends:

I am especially happy to be able to meet you tonight to speak a few words. I wasn't sure I was going to be able to get here. I understand you had a little bit of difficulty getting a hall for me to speak in. That is surprising—in Philadelphia, of all places! the cradle of liberty, the place where the Declaration of Independence was proclaimed to the world, July 4th, 1776. And this place, where Thomas Jefferson gave his immortal message to the world—Philadelphia, closes up meeting halls—shame on you, Philadelphia!

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

One might conclude that the great grandsons of the founders of America have become somewhat degenerated in the 20th century, but I think that would be a mistaken conclusion. Back in the days of Jefferson they had to fight for their liberties, too. They did not just get them by proclaiming them.

Twenty years after the adoption of the Declaration of Independence and ten years after the adoption of the Constitution, with its Bill of Rights, our country had an experience very similar to what we are going through now. Under the administration of President Adams, there was adopted a series of measures known as the Alien and Sedition Laws, under which they put a lot of people in jail, closed down newspapers, and pretty generally conducted a reign of terror. This reign of terror was directed against what they called "foreign agents"—subversive and "Red" elements.

Do you know who these subversive elements were? Those were the people who rallied around Thomas Jefferson at that time and founded the Democratic Clubs all over the country. President Washington issued a special message to the country, denouncing these Democratic Clubs and these subversive influences and these foreign agents. They were **"agents of France"** then.

They were stressing the ideas that had first come to complete expression in the great French Revolution. A lot of people in the United States were scared about that French Revolution. But one of the great leaders of the country was not scared. That was Thomas Jefferson. Thomas Jefferson had represented the United States as ambassador to France. He had seen the conditions under the old regime and saw them crushing out the lives of the people, and he knew that the Revolution was the only hope for civilization. When the French Revolution came, he said, **"America will rise or fall with the French Revolution. American democracy will live or die with the French Revolution."** Although I am a man of peace, he said, **"I would rather see that Revolution go through to the end, even if it means the loss of half the lives in Europe, rather than to see it stop, because the defeat of the French Revolution would be the greatest defeat that the human race could suffer."**

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Thomas Jefferson held those ideas, and he fought for democracy in America. He understood that the defense of the French Revolution was part of the fight for democracy at home. And despite all their Alien and Sedition Laws and throwing people into prison, inside of a few years Thomas Jefferson became President of the United States. He not only became President of the United States, but the party that fought against him never came back to power again and quickly disappeared from American history; and the only way you can ever find out about it since then is to read about it in books. But Thomas Jefferson's party that came into power became for a couple of generations the bearer of the vital, living force of the American people, laying the basis of what later grew into our great, rich—I wish I could also say happy and prosperous—land.

They say that we are un-American. I understand there has been something in newspapers here to that effect lately. Do these people who call us un-American today tell you anything about the great founders of our country and what they fought for? Today do they call you a follower of Thomas Jefferson? Today do they tell you the words of Abraham Lincoln? I'm afraid they don't. They print the Declaration of Independence only on the 4th of July and then print it as a reproduction of the old script in such a way that you can hardly read it. But they never explain these struggles for liberty that founded our country. They never explain how the founders had to fight for their rights, just as you have to fight for your rights.

The founders of our country knew how to fight for their rights. It is time we were learning. It is strange that it is these "un-American" Communists who have to remind our country about the works and deeds of the great Americans. But it was always so. When Abraham Lincoln was alive and leading our country, where did he get his best support? In this country, it came from the working people first of all. And among the working people, first of all from the trade unions, and among the trade unions, first of all from the Communists of the Civil War period. Joseph Weydemeyer, in America, an old defender of Karl Marx, led the movement to recruit the workers to the Union Army and received from Lincoln himself a commission of Colonel in the Union Army and fought throughout the war.

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Did you know that the first International Working Men's Association, under the leadership of Karl Marx, rallied the support of the working people of Europe for the Union Army and for Lincoln and against slavery, and that it was the work of Karl Marx in rousing the textile workers of Great Britain which kept the government of Great Britain, under Lord Palmerston, from interfering in the American Civil War on the side of slavery? If that interference had come about, who knows what the outcome in America and the world would have been. The Communist movement intervened in American life and helped to save our Union, helped to sustain the efforts of Abraham Lincoln, helped to bring success to the Union Army, helped to abolish the halter of chattel slavery once and for all from America.

Marx described Lincoln as the single-minded son of the working class and conducted a correspondence with Lincoln, when he was re-elected in 1864. And as he was about to take office again in 1865, Karl Marx wrote a letter on behalf of the International Working Men's Association to congratulate him and the American people on the results of the election. Marx said about the American Civil War: **"As in the 18th century, the American War of Independence sounded the tocsin for the European middle class, so in the 19th century the American Civil War sounded it for the European working class."** And truly it was the American Civil War that laid the foundation of the modern labor movement, just as it was the beginnings of the modern labor movement which made possible the victory of Lincoln and the North in that Civil War.

So this business of international connections and help from country to country is nothing new in American history. When they shout about "foreign agents," we remember that they shouted the same thing against Thomas Jefferson. They shouted the same thing against Lincoln and Weydemeyer and Karl Marx, and they will shout it against everybody that fights for a better world, so long as these reactionary forces are able to continue their shout.

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Lincoln was a great internationalist, also. He could not have been a good American without being a great internationalist. And he was an internationalist on a higher plane than even Jefferson, who helped to found our country and who fought for the French Revolution in America. (By the way, it is interesting to note that a hundred and fifty years later, Thomas Jefferson was rebuked for his enthusiasm for the French Revolution by none other than the present President of the United States. He thinks Thomas Jefferson made a terrible mistake!) Lincoln was an internationalist on an even higher plane, because he saw that there were forces in society which would make internationalism a living thing—the working class! Lincoln said: **"The strongest bond of human sympathy outside of the family relation should be one uniting all working people of all nations and tongues and kindreds."**

And that was before the rise of modern forms of capitalism, the trusts and monopolies. Even then, Lincoln saw. He said, **"Labor is prior to and independent of Capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor and could never have existed if Labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of Capital and deserves much the higher consideration."**

I wonder what Lincoln would say about the present budget down in Washington, that takes away from the people and from Labor in order to give to the monopolists and the war makers? Lincoln generally was that kind of a "Red" and a "subversive" influence. If he were living today, he would be hauled before the Dies Committee and would be lucky if he got off with less than ten years in prison.

Lincoln did that most terrible of things—he showed that the Declaration of Independence would be the stumbling-block **"to all those who in after times might seek to turn a free people back into the hateful path of despotism."**

And that is true, my friends. Get out the Declaration of Independence and read it again and study it. It not only laid down the principles of the foundation of our country, establishing the framework for the development of democracy and of modern capitalism, but it also laid the foundation of the principles upon which capitalism will be transformed into a new socialist society in America.

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Lincoln was merely paraphrasing the Declaration of Independence when he made that immortal declaration of his, out of which Earl Robinson wrote that beautiful song. Lincoln said, **"This country with its institutions belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it."**

That was merely Lincoln's way of saying what Jefferson had written in the Declaration of Independence in the following words:—(If I were not careful to quote from that sacred document, I might get twenty years in jail for these words.) **"Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends [the welfare of the people, their life, liberty, and happiness] it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."**

Well, those old boys in those days talked straight from the shoulder. They did not beat around the bush. They said exactly what they meant and after they said it they went out and carried their work into effect and built this great country. If we are proud of America it is because we are proud of the great tradition of Jefferson and Lincoln. People say because we want to bring Socialism to America or because we want to keep America out of war or because we don't like this war budget, we are un-American and don't respect the American Constitution.

What did Jefferson say about this? Way back in 1816 he expressed his mind very strongly. Jefferson said: **"Some men look at constitutions with sanctimonious reverence and deem them like the Arc of the Covenant, too sacred to be touched. They ascribe to the men of the preceding age a wisdom more than human, and suppose what they did to be beyond amendment. But, I know also that laws and constitutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind. . . . Institutions must advance also and keep pace with the times."**

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Jefferson had nothing but scorn for the idea that some people should own the country and other people should work. Just before he died in 1826, he summed up his whole life and struggle in these words. He said that **"the mass of mankind has not been born with saddles on their backs, nor a favored few booted and spurred, ready to ride them legitimately, and by the grace of God"**; and whenever that situation arose and the people were saddled and a favored few booted and spurred for riding the people, Jefferson said (and that was in the period of his fighting youth when he was fighting for the Bill of Rights), (again I am glad to have the hallowed authority around my words), **"A little rebellion now and then is a good thing and as necessary in the political world as storms in the physical. God forbid," said Jefferson, that "we should ever be twenty years without such a rebellion. What country can preserve its liberties if its rulers are not warned from time to time that this people preserves the spirit of resistance. Let them take arms. What signify a few lives lost in a century or two? The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure."**

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But enough of such sedition. As you begin to feel the pinch of the new policies down in Washington that have already brought disaster to hundreds and thousands of homes in this country; as you further feel the pinch of this policy of taking America into war, a policy expressed now with America taking the lead to line up a bloc of warring nations that will make peace with Germany and seek to transform it into a war against the Soviet Union; as you are commanded to give your boys to fight for these schemes of world imperialism; and as your life is cut to the bone here to make you pay the bills and in order to keep the profits of monopolists and capitalists going up and up, in order to provide the means for the living of the best families of America, who spend $35,000 in a single night for a "coming-out party" for little girls—as these things begin to develop and you begin to feel this pressure more and more, turn your minds to the great leaders of American democracy. Get their spirit into you and turn your thoughts to that great country where they have solved the problems of economic royalists and built socialism—the Soviet Union; learn the teachings of Lincoln and Jefferson, of Lenin and Stalin, of Marx and Engels.

And with these inspirations we will unite the American people to defeat the war-makers and the program of the economic royalists; we will lead America to a new and higher civilization of Socialism.

High Patriotic Spirit Welds Chinese Masses

Governor Wu Ting-chang Reviews Kweichow's Activities

CHUNGKING (By Mail).—The application of military and labor service laws and the development of resources were the main activities in Kweichow Province during 1939, declared Governor Wu Ting-chang in a signed article on "Kweichow in the Third Year of the War."

The governor declared that the past year has been a very successful one in popularizing army conscription and labor service in Kweichow. The high patriotic spirit and warm support of the people were evidenced by the surprisingly large number of volunteers from the various districts. This spirit was also shown in the draft of labor service which was responsible for the construction of 360 kilometers of highways and of enormous other projects.

The formation of the Kweichow Development Company early in 1939 has ushered in a new era of well-planned reconstruction work in the province. Emphasis was particularly paid to the improvement of farming methods and to the advancement of rural economy. The rearing of silkworms and the promotion of cotton and wheat have progressed smoothly, while cooperative societies are becoming popular financial institutions in the farming communities. More than $5,000,000 was loaned to the needy farmers in Kweichow by these societies during the past year.

The reorganization of the **pao-chia** (mutual-guarantee) system was perhaps the chief administrative plan in the province. By rigid training and careful selection of all junior administrative officials below the rank of magistrates, the provincial authorities preparing a modern and democratic form of government for the 11,000,000 people of Kweichow.

Equally important with administrative reform and the development of resources was the suppression of opium which was carried out during 1939. Meanwhile, educational reform was also advanced so that both quality and quantity would be emphasized. Special rural service corps were organized to go into the country to bring about relationships between the masses, and to introduce modern civilization to isolated groups.

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Szechwan to Supply Own Cotton Yarn

CHUNGKING (By Mail).—By the end of 1940, Szechwan Province will have 100,000 new spinning wheels operating. These, plus the 3,000,000 old ones, are capable of producing all the cotton yarn needed in the province.

The popularization of the new spinning wheels in Szechwan was brought about by the Szechwan Cotton Spinning and Weaving Promotion Committee, organized, with the assistance of the various government offices early last year.

The committee has built 21,000 new jennies capable of producing $20,000,000 worth of fine yarn a year.

In addition, the organization has trained 5,000 farmer-spinners to operate the improved wheels. Eighty-four out of 134 districts in Szechwan have adopted the new spinning wheels.

The efficiency of the improved spinning wheels is said to be high. Each spinner can make between two to four catties of cotton yarn a day. He could produce only a few ounces on the old type of machine. It has been estimated that from each catty of yarn farmers spin, they can make a profit of from eighty cents to $2.50, which means a gain of from $20 to $60 a month. The movement not only furnishes the people in Szechwan and elsewhere with plenty of clothing material, but also promotes supplementary rural industry and encourages women to engage in a productive occupation.

The introduction of the new jennies, however, will not eliminate the use of the old-fashioned spinning wheels. The new reels require faster work and higher efficiency, hence they can be used most profitably by people from 15 to 40.

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China's Inheritance Tax Effective This Year

CHUNGKING (By Mail).—The provisional regulations governing the imposition of the Legacy (Inheritance) Tax adopted by the Legislative Yuan are effective from Jan. 1, 1940, according to a mandate of the National Government.

Estates are liable to legacy taxes if the deceased's properties lie within the territory of the Chinese Republic, or if the deceased owned property in China and a foreign country too. Legacies on which tax is payable include movable and immovable properties, articles and interests that have a property value. Property or properties under $5,000 in value will be exempted from taxation.

Properties donated to public institutions of education, culture, charity or public welfare, which do not exceed a total value of $500,000, will be exempted from taxation. No tax will be required from properties donated to the Government as copyrights of authors, patent rights for scientific discoveries and original art objects.

Legacy taxes, payable after appraisement by the legacy tax office, must be paid within one month after notice. They may be paid in installments by permission of the authorities.

'All in the Same Bed in The House of Morgan'

By William L. Patterson

(Outstanding Negro leader, member of National Committee, C.P.U.S.A.)

JOHN L. LEWIS made a magnificent speech to the nation at the miners Golden Jubilee Convention. Careful reading of it permits of no other conclusion. The voice of Lewis was the voice of labor. The case he posed was the case of the people even if not carried to its farthest limits.

Lewis struck home. Garner smiles wryly and declares "my cause is better for all that Lewis said." But that's only the whiskey in the evil old man trying to talk big. McNutt cries: "John has me all wrong, I'm a friend of labor and the people." But Lewis has spotted the McNutt record. In truth Lewis did yeoman service.

For some people, those who want to be fooled all the time, it is a sad story Lewis told at Columbus, Ohio. But the fact remains: the two gentlemen and the man from Texas were caught together in the same bed in the House of Morgan. And the truth is the light.

"As the current year opens, the Democratic Party is in default to the American People," says Mr. Lewis. Pick up the recently issued National Resources Committee's report on consumer incomes in the United States. Read the section on family incomes.

Startling Figures

"Fourteen per cent of all the families received less than $500 during the year studied; (1935-36) 42 per cent received less than $1,000, 65 per cent less than $1,500, and 87 per cent less than $2,500.

When the incomes of the 29 million families are added they total 48 million. The 42 per cent who had incomes below $1,000 received 16 per cent of the total of that 48 million. The incomes of the tip top one per cent accounted for a little over 13 per cent of the total. Is the Democratic Party in default?

The figures support Mr. Lewis. Roosevelt let the people down—but he let the robbers up. Roosevelt let the people down, and as Lewis said:

"After seven years of power, it (The Democratic Party) finds itself without a solution for the major questions of unemployment, low national income, mounting interest debt, increasing direct and consumer taxation and restricted foreign markets. There still exists the same national unhappiness that it faced seven years ago. Has the Roosevelt Party defaulted? It has!"

Much Worse Than Seven Years Ago

The truth is that the unhappiness is deeper, more widespread—worse—infinitely worse—than seven years ago. War looms on the horizon. Racial hatreds have been stimulated. Civil liberties are everywhere under attack. Poverty abounds in the midst of plenty.

The great hope is that the people are rallying for the struggle. John L. Lewis has said something, he has opened up new vistas. The people cannot misunderstand. The figures on in comes tell a harrowing tale.

Among the Negro families 12 per cent have incomes under $250 per year, 41 per cent have incomes under $500. That is for families of more than two. Has American democracy become a mockery? You answer, gentle reader.

Can anyone imagine people in such circumstances not preparing to fight for a better living standard? Is the acceptance of such a standard without resistance true Americanism?

The figures we have quoted represent the shameless robbery of white and black of the wealth they are producing. These figures represent the gradual pauperization of two-thirds of the people in the richest country in the world.

In God's name, where is there democracy in this?

Mr. Lewis said that "the same national unhappiness" exists. But it could not be the same for the disease of poverty spreads. Seven years has seen the deepening of the economic and the agrarian crisis. Worker and farmer are the poorer. The economic royalists are the richer.

"Labor Losing Confidence"

Who will deny the truth of Mr. Lewis' words, when he adds: "Labor and the people are losing confidence." And it is true as Lewis comments: that there is a trend toward the Republican Party. That movement toward the Tafts and the Hoovers is most noticeable among the forgotten black men and women of our country. But from the Republican Party's program only the shadow of a glorified Hooverville looms as the perspective for tomorrow. And for Negro America these Hoovervilles will be a jim-crow tin-can nest of hovels.

The hope of the Negro people lies in the struggle for the realization of great people's party against war abroad and for war against the evils which exist at home.

The Negro people can formulate their demands no less concisely and clearly than labor has formulated its demands in the 1940 program of the C. I. O. In fact the program of the C. I. O. can with a few additions fit the needs of black America, for the majority of Negro America is workers of factory or field.

It is time the National Negro Congress came forward with such a program.

The people generally are ready for the fray but none are more ready than the Negro people. Look where you will they are in motion. In Miami they defy the Klan. In Illinois they defy the slanderers who defame America of all colors in "Gone With the Wind." In New York they are organizing.

The time is ripe for a struggle for democracy such as this country has never seen before. John L. Lewis has sounded a starting note. And it is time to get going.

War and Peace Is Subject of Authors' Talks

". . . I want to say that I think that the most legitimate subject of a writer is that which worries, troubles or concerns him. Using this as a springboard, I believe he can leap into any phase of our American reality or any groove of our American experience. It has long been said that all writing is a secret form of autobiography, and it may be so. I stress the personal spring of the initial impulse which prodes the writer to create his character not to drag the subject or to over-subtlize it, but because I believe that the stronger a piece of work is the closer it is to the one who did it, even though it is decked out in guise of a subject matter which is relatively foreign to him."

With these words, Richard Wright, brilliant Negro author of "Uncle Tom's Children" and the Book of the Month Club choice for March, "Native Son," keynoted the League of American writers forum on the problem of the writer's function in society today.

On Sunday, February 18, another phase of the subject, "War or Peace, the American Writer's Role," will be discussed by Mr. Albert Maltz, author of the "Black Pit", "Peace on Earth", and the O'Henry prize winning short story "Man on a Road."

The problem of the young writer today, the League of American Writers believe, is a crucial one. Young people, coming to the Writers School, ask: "What are we to write about?" "What is right, what is wrong?" Where do we stand in relation to the American Workers? What are we best fitted to write? And most important of all, "Is there no way of meeting other writers with whom we can discuss these problems.

In response to the demands of the student body the League of American Writers has arranged with some of its prominent members to discuss these problems on alternate Sundays.

In addition to the lecture by Mr. Maltz on February 18, Benjamin Appel, well known novelist, will speak on the "Writer and the American Worker." Mr. Apple has just completed a transeontinental tour gathering material for a new novel. On March 17, Henry Hart well known in the publishing world will discuss "The Contribution of Science to Literature."

Norman Corwin, famous radio writer and producer will speak on the "New Literature of Radio" on March 31 and Ruth McKenney, author of My Sister Eileen and Industrial Valley will discuss methods of stopping the "Blitzkrieg on Culture" on April 7.

The series will be held at the Dalcroze School of Music, 9 East 59 Street, at 8 o'clock. The public is admitted.

AT THE R.K.O. JEFFERSON

James Stewart and Marlene Dietrich team up in "Destry Rides Again" now playing until Sunday, at the R.K.O. Jefferson Theatre, 14th St. and 3rd Ave. Also, "Remember" with Robert Taylor, Greer Garson and Lew Ayres.

Stage Notes

TAC's growing Dance Division will present several of America's talented, younger performers in a program of "New Faces in the Dance," Friday, Feb. 22, at the Master Institute Theatre, 310 Riverside Drive.

Among those appearing will be Kahtleen O'Brien and Sidney Stark, late of the Village Vanguard; Sophie Maslow and group; Blanche Evan; Eva Desca and Lee Sherman; Suzanne Remos and Roger Pryor Dodge; Fanya Chochem and Bruce Mero; Bill Matons and group.

'Die Walkuere,' From the Metropolitan, WJZ, 1:40

Wagner's "Die Walkuere" from the Metropolitan Opera House over WJZ at 1:40 this afternoon. . . . Bruno Walter conducts NBC Symphony Orchestra in works of Handel, Mozart and Brahms over WJZ at 10 tonight.

SHORTWAVE BAND
Radio Center, Moscow, 7:00 P.M., 6.030, 9.600, 12.000, 15.040 Mc.

MORNING
10:00-WNYC—Robert Jones, Organ Recital
WHN—Polly the Shopper
WABC—String Time, Walberg Brown
WQXR—Organ Music
10:15-WNYC—Elsie Jean, Stories for Children
10:30-WEAF—Bright Idea Club
WOR—"The First Offender"
10:45-WNYC—"Labor and Democracy"
WJZ—"Your Child Grows Up"
11:00-WNYC-WABC—News
WOR—Model Airplane Club
WJZ—Dance Music
WQXR—Hour of Request Music
11:00-WABC—Young People's Concert by New York Philharmonic Orchestra, Rudolph Ganz Conducting
11:15-WNYC—American Music Festival, "Songs the People Sing," Music of Irving Berlin and George Gershwin
WOR—"This Wonderful World," Hayden Planetarium Program
WOR—Army Band Concert
11:45-WNYC—You and Your Health

AFTERNOON
12:00-WEAF—Milestones in the History of Music, Eastman School of Music, Dr. Howard Hansen Conducting
WOR—"The Man on the Farm"
WJZ—American Education Forum
WNYC—Midday Symphony
WHN—U. P. News
12:15-WNEW—David Lowe, News of Stage and Screen
WABC—"Country Journal"
12:25-WJZ—U. P. News
12:30-WOR—Trans-Radio News
WHN—"Microphone in the Sky"
WJZ—National Farm-Home Hour
WABC—"Let's Pretend," Children's Program
1:00-WNYC—American Music Festival, New York Symphonetic Orchestra, Joyce Barthelmas, Conducting
WABC—Buffalo Presents
1:15-WEAF—"Calling All Stamp Collectors"
1:30-WOR—"University Life," Columbia University Debating Council
WEAF—Dance Music
1:40-WJZ—Wagner's "Die Walkurie," from the Metropolitan Opera House
2:00-WNYC—News
WABC—Brush Street Follies
2:05-WNYC—Opera Matinee
2:15-WHN—U. P. News
2:30-WOR—Young Artists Recital from Cleveland
3:00-WOR—National Sportsman's Show
WEAF—Golden Melodies
WABC—Cincinnati Conservatory of Music Concert
3:30-WEAF—Dance Music WABC—News
3:35-WABC—Vera Brodsky, Pianist
3:45-WNYC—News
4:00-WABC—"Bull Session," Unrehearsed Discussions by College Students
WNYC—Juilliard Institute of Music and Art Alumni Recital
WEAF—Campus Capers
WQXR—Music of the Moment
4:15-WOR—Racing from Hialea
4:30-WNYC—"Pals of the Police Athletic League" WEAF—KSTP Presents
WQXR—Hour of Symphonic Music
WABC—Yonkers Male Glee Club
5:00-WMCA—News WEAF—Dance Music
WABC—The Human Adventure
WNYC—Police Department Musical Program
5:30-WQXR—Young People's Program in Conjunction with New York Public Library WEAF—Dance Music
WJZ—"Magic Waves," with Dr. Orestes H. Caldwell
WOR—Dance Music
WNYC—Silver Jubilee Anniversary of Women's Compensation Act
5:45-WHN—U. P. News

EVENING
6:00-WNYC—American Music Festival, First Time on the Air, Colonial and Revolutionary American Music by Raynor Taylo, Alexander Reibagle, Benjamin Carr, P. A. Von Hagen and James Hewitt Played by Ralph Kirkpatrick, Harpsichorist, Janos Schuis, Cello, and Pauline Pierce, Mezzo Soprano Singing
WEAF—Kaltenmeyer's Kindergarten
WOR—Uncle Don WJZ—U. P. News
WABC—Early Evening News
WQXR—Music to Remember
6:05-WABC—News from Washington
6:15-WABC—Mel Allen's Sports Review
6:25-WEAF-WJZ—A. P. News
6:30-WOR—Trans-Radio News
WABC—"Which Way to Lasting Peace?"
WMCA—"Let's Get Together"
WJZ—"Renfrew of the Mounted"
WQXR—Leonard Shurek, Pianist,
6:45-WEAF—Southwestern Stars
WOR—The Charioteers, Negro Male Quartet
WHN—Dick Fishell, Sports Resume
7:00-WQXR—Gilbert and Sullivan Hour
WCNW—Answer Pr. Coughlin Forum
WEAF—"What's My Name?"
WABC—People's Platform Discusses "Is the United States Propaganda Proof?"
WOR—Stan Lomax, Sports Review
WJZ—Message of Israel
7:15-WHN—Sports Fanfare
7:30-WEAF—"Art for Your Sake," Program of National Art Society
WOR—"Confidentially Yours"
WJZ—Dance Music
WABC—Sky Blazers
WCNW—Mr. and Mrs. Broadway
7:45-WOR—The Inside of Sport, Sam Balter, Commentator
WMCA—Johannes Steel, News
8:00-WEAF—Arch Oboler Presents "Genghis Khan"
WMCA—"Americana," History Quiz
WOR—"Name Three," Quiz
WJZ-WHN—Dance Music
WABC—Gang Busters
WQXR—Symphony Hall
8:30-WMCA—Forum of New York City Conducted by Assemblyman Robert Wagner Jr. Discusses Need for a State Social Security Act
WEAF—"Stop Me If You've Heard This One," Milton Berle, MC.
WOR—Hawaii Calling
WJZ—Radio Guild Presentation
WABC—Wayne King and His Band
8:45-WHN—U. P. News
9:00-WABC—"Your Hit Parade"
9:00-WMCA—"Let Your Hair Down"
WEAF—"Youth vs. Age," Quiz
WOR—George Fisher
WJZ—National Barn Dance, Alec Templeton Guest
WQXR—Musical Memory Contest
9:30-WMCA—Intercollegiate Debate
WEAF—"Death Valley Days"
WOR—Symphonic Strings
WEVD—Spanish Music
10:00-WJZ—NBC Symphony Orchestra, Bruno Walter Conducting, Handel's Concerto Grosso, Mozart's "Hoffner," Symphony and Brahm's Second Symphony
WEAF—Bob Crosby, Dixieland Band
WOR—Tropical Serenade
WQXR—Concert Hour
10:30-WABC—"Gay Nineties," Review with Beatrice Kay
WEAF—Dance Music WMCA—News
WOR—Music by Moonlight
10:45-WHN—U. P. News
11:00-WEAF—A. P. News WABC—News
WOR—Trans-Radio News
WQXR—Just Music
11:05-WMCA—Resume of NYA Track Meet
11:30-WMCA—Better Music
11:45-WHN—U. P. News
12:00-WHN—Music to Read By
WEVD—Symphonic Hour

ERIC MUNX.

New Printing of 'Science and Society'

Due to the great interest in the current issue of "Science and Society," Vol. IV, No. 1, the editors announce that they have found it necessary to order a second printing. The issue contains "Science Teaching in General Education" by J. D. Bernal, "Notes on Philosophy in Nazi Germany" by V. J. McGill, "Jules Guesde, Pioneer of Marxism in France" by Samuel Bernstein, "On the Nature of Rent" by Anna Rochester, "The Mystic Strain in Toller's Work" by Joseph Kresh and "Dialectics, Language and Change" by J. L. B. Cooper

'Of Mice and Men' Fine Film of Homeless Men

Another Novel by Steinbeck Brought To Life in Film

OF MICE AND MEN, a Hal Roach production, with Burgess Meredith, Lon Chaney, Jr., and Betty Field. At the Roxy.

The simple power and pathos of John Steinbeck's narrative "Of Mice and Men" has been transferred to the screen with such fidelity, care and imagination that the film version can take its place on equal terms with the author's original work and its subsequent adaptation for the stage.

It is almost perfectly cast and Lewis Milestone's direction maintains the pace and tragic mood of Steinbeck's story. It is one of those films that amazes you with a brief revelation of the creative artistry and genuine talent there is in Hollywood, and makes you all the angrier at the manner in which this talent is diluted and dissipated in the celluloid mill.

By now Steinbeck's story is a familiar one. It is a tale about ranch hands, "bindle stiffs," these migratory workers who are disinherited and adrift, cut off from even the filmsy social moorings of family and home. Their tragedy is great because it expresses in its highest form the insecurity of the poor, and the terrible longing for security and stability in an economic sense and its counterpart, emotional security.

Three Central Characters

There are really three central characters: George (Burgess Meredith) who keeps alive the dream of a little ranch and a few acres where a man is his own boss; Lenny (Lon Chaney, Jr.), his big simple-minded partner who loves the feeling of soft things and dreams of rabbits on the little ranch, and Candy (Roman Rohnen, an importation from New York's Group Theater), who represents the end of the trail for the "bindle stiff."

The three, working on the same ranch, are seemingly almost within reach of their dream of a little homestead all their own, when Lenny whose simple-minded goodness is no match for his physical strength gets in trouble again, killing the wife of the ranch owner's son, George, his partner, shoots him to save him from the lynch mob.

John Steinbeck is a great story teller and for the purpose of the story, Lenny is a great character and the dramatic build-up to the climax is paced, rhythmic narrative. However, from the viewpoint of the larger social reality which Steinbeck's story reflects, it is not important that this particular incident shatters the dream of a little homestead and gives a macabre twist to the frustration of the best laid schemes of mice and men. The important thing is that the dream of security and its frustration recur again and again.

Powerful Sequence

Perhaps the most powerful sequence in the film is that in which Candy, the old broken down "stiff," has his old dog shot. The dog is so old that he is no "longer any good to himself." Candy is told. And Candy sees in the dog a reflection of himself, knowing that soon he would be tossed off the ranch without the mercy of a bullet. This sequence is done so well that the hushed tension in the bunkhouse when the men wait for the revolver shot outside gives you the feeling that some human being, "too old," is being eexcuted.

To those who have worked with migratory workers, Steinbeck's emphasis on their loneliness will not seem exaggerated, except for the legitimate purposes of creative writing. Their quest for companionship, someone to talk with, is expressed in Candy's attachment to his dog, in George's attachment to Lenny, in Lenny's childish, worship of George and his affection for birds and mice.

All these elements and characterizations are given the quality of life on the screen. You may quarrel with the fundamental defeatism of Steinbeck's work, so well summarized in the title, but you can hardly discount its power and really great rendition on the screen.

Betty Field and Bob Steele in a tense and dramatic scene from "Of Mice and Men," Hal Roache's film version of John Steinbeck's novel published before his later novel, "The Grapes of Wrath" placed him in the front ranks of American writers. "Of Mice and Men" opened yesterday at the Roxy. "The Grapes of Wrath" continues to play before packed houses at the Rivoli.

Current Radio City Film Is One of Season's Worst

I TAKE THIS WOMAN, a screen drama by James Kevin McGuinness, based on story by Charles MacArthur, directed by W. S. Van Dyke 2d. Produced by MGM. Features Spencer Tracy and Hedy Lamarr. At Radio City Music Hall.

By Bert Robins

Somebody at M-G-M heard that the day of the glamorous screen siren is over. The trend of the times is toward actresses who can act. And so Hedy Lamarr is given a vehicle in which to prove that she can do more than wear lipstick.

The result is called "I Take This Woman" and is the most bewildering bad film that has come to Radio City Music Hall in a couple of very lean months.

Hedy Lamarr

It isn't Miss Lamarr's fault, either. It turns out she isn't all lethargy and langour after all. It's even possible that she might be a completely charming light comedian. But not in this script. Better actors than she go down in these seas, and without all the costume she has to drag her down.

Story and Dialogue Improvised

The trouble seems to be that the whole thing was just made up as they went along—both story and dialogue. And sometimes in spite of the best efforts of everyone it looks as if they couldn't keep it on its feet through the reel.

In one of these particularly strained moments, Spencer Tracy mutters wearily "This is where I came in" and several absent-minded spectators rose to go.

The story is supposed to be about a beautiful parasite whose heart is broken by a male parasite and then mended by a hard-working, serious clinic doctor. Larraine Day, borrowed from the Dr. Kildare outfit, must have brought along the idea that a doctor who loves his profession is better off on the East Side than on Park Avenue. They wrote it into the script but they don't know why and they don't know what to do with it.

The only important thing about "I Take This Woman" is that it was given as an assignment to serious, self-respecting artists. And things being as they are in Hollywood, they probably had to take it. Spencer Tracy, one of the most competent and sincere performers on the screen, is made to wander through this bit of hokus-pocus, wearing the baffled expression of a sane man who has stumbled into a nut-house and hasn't found it out yet.

Verree Teasdale tries to brazen it out like the veteran comedian she is. But it tells on her. By the last scene, she is suffering from what looks like St. Vitus dance. The rest of the cast appear from nowhere and disappear into it with such inexplicable rapidity that it's impossible to catalogue their sufferings, but they must be just as acute.

Cutting Room Went Wild

Either Director Van Dyke has forgotten more than most people ever know about film directing, or the cutting room went wild. There isn't a scene in the whole job that is properly built or finished, and the transitions have all the smoothness of a series of air pockets.

Worst line: "Pardon me. I didn't mean to probe an open wound."

Worst shot: Hedy Lamarr as the Madonna of the East Side, swathed in Paris originals and surrounded by ragged children.

Worst sort of poison: The insulting handling of the Negro comedian—just about as chauvinist as you can get and not be boycotted.

Music Notes

The American Ballad Singers, under the direction of Elie Siegmeister, make their Town Hall debut tomorrow evening at 8:45 in a program of American folk music, sponsored by the Flatbush Arts Theatre, most important theatre group of Brooklyn.

The program will consist of native folk songs and ballads-songs of the pioneers, of the American Revolution, mountain ballads, work songs, Negro folk music, sea chanties, songs of the Civil War, of cowboys, railroadmen, runaway slaves, up to present-day songs of democracy.

The American Ballad Singers are composed of Ruth Fremont, Helen Yorke, Evelyn MacGregor, Earl Rogers, Emil Renan, and Earl Waldo.

As guest artists, Ralph Kirkpatrick, harpsichordist, and Janos Scholz, cellist, will be heard in the first modern performance in New York of the recently discovered Sonata for Violoncello and Harpsichord by Raynor Taylor, 18th century American composer.

Of special interest in the program will be a group of songs entitled "Americans at Work," which will include those of farmers, firemen, railwaymen, steel workers, shoemakers, and street cries ranging from the Creole chimney sweeps to Brooklyn strawberry peddlers.

Art Notes

Following the first symposium last week at the Museum of Modern Art on the question of "Is American Art Menaced by 'Alien' Trends?" the American Artists' Congress is holding the second symposium at the Museum of Modern Art on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 8:30 P. M., on the subject, "What Is the American Tradition?" it was announced by Arthur Emptage, Executive Secretary, today.

Speakers at the symposium will include Holger Cahill, Jo Davidson, Jerome Klein, Lyn Ward and the Chairman will be Elizabeth McCausland.

A reception in honor of Luis Quintanilla, well-known Spanish artist, will be held at the New School for Social Research, 66 West 12th St., on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18, at 5 P. M. Mr. Quintanilla, whose drawings and frescoes of the Spanish war are now on view at the New School, will speak on Fresco Painting at 5:30. Admission is free.

'Johnny Got His Gun' Bitter Anti-War Novel

JOHNNY GOT HIS GUN. By Dalton Trumbo. J. B. Lippincott Company. $2.50.

By Lawrence Emery

Johnny got his gun and the guns got Johnny and what was left of him went on to become the world's most horrible living example of war.

Dalton Trumbo has produced a powerful work which reduces war to the least common denominator of individual human experience. It is so original in theme that nothing quite like it has ever been written before. And the style is modern, streamlined and perfectly fitted to the telling of a story that, once read, will never be forgotten.

DALTON TRUMBO

In effect, the work takes the most brutal and most callous aspects of war and contrasts them with the most human and the tenderest of loves and longings of a simple honest "little guy" who wanted more than anything else in the world just to live.

The contrasts prove so powerful and overwhelming that the book is apt to shake the reader pretty visibly. This is no light fluffy stuff full of pretty sentimentality and nice ideals. It is raw and biting and vigorous. There are many lengthy passages of pure nostalgic longing and soft glowing beauty, but these serve the more to emphasize the slashing chapters capable of making your hair rise. Undiluted horror is here, and squeamish persons with soft tingling nerves will have difficulties—but they wouldn't stand well the stench of a blood-soaked trench either.

A Boy—Like Millions of Others

Joe Bonham was an ordinary kid who grew up in Shale City in Colorado who had an exceptionally fine mother and father, only the old man always had difficulty making a decent living. Joe had the usual adventures of a typical American boy and grew up treasuring the little things that made life pleasant and precious. Little things because the big things never came his way; little things like fishing trips with his father, and the smell of the jam and fresh bread his mother made, and the warm delight of Christmas eve with his parents and sisters in snug safety before the glowing wood stove listening to a Christmas poem aloud by his mother in a voice he could never forget.

Then the war and Joe went to it in stunned unawareness but remembering the things he wanted to come back to. He was in the dugout when the shell hit.

The Spoils Of War

He came to in such a blinding sickening blaze of pain that you rise and fall with him in his struggle to pull through. And gradually, so gradually that every new discovery is horror piled on horror, he learns what happened to him. When the inventory is final and complete, he knows that he is armless and legless and that most of his face is blown away, leaving neither ears nor eyes nor nose—just the stump of a body, and a brain that continues to function relentlessly.

It is this tortured mind, this terrifying, nightmarish experience that Trumbo chose to express in a prose style that never misses a nuance, never skips a tiny particle of all the despair and futile struggle to stay in a world that has been blacked out forever.

But the mind, though shrouded in darkness, sees clearly: "The war was to make the world safe for democracy for the little countries for everybody. If the war was over now then the world must be all safe for democracy. Was it? And what kind of democracy? And how much? And whose?

. . . "For Christ sake give us things to fight for we can see and feel and pin down and understand. No more highfalutin words that mean nothing like native land. Motheraind, fatherland, homeland, nativeland. It's all the same. What the hell good to you is your native land after you're dead? Whose native land is it after you're dead? . . ."

"We Will Know What to Do"

And so the mind in the stump of the body that can not move nor feel nor see nor talk nor hear nor do anything but remember goes on in the battle to stay in the world, to live, to feel a part of mankind yet. First Joe Bonham tries to capture time because that's a link to the world and something to hold to. And then, though it takes years, he finally makes the nurses who tend him realize that he can make signals by tapping with his head and he breaks through the black silence to communicate with the living.

But when they understand, they ask him "What do you want?" and the whole futility of it rushes upon him and he knows the answer: "We are men of peace we are men who work and we want no quarrel. But if you destroy our peace if you take away our work if you try to range us one against the other we will know what to do. If you tell us to make the world safe for democracy we will take you seriously and by God and by Christ we will make it so. We will use the guns you force upon us we will use them to defend our very lives and the menace to our lives does not lie on the other side of a no man's land that was set apart without our consent it lies within our own boundaries here and now we have seen it and we know it." . . .

It is a book that should be read this week by every male American of draft age, by every American woman who has a son, brother, husband of draft age.

The book is not new; it has already gone through a fifth printing.

Arch Oboler has dramatized it for radio, and James Cagney is slated to play the part.

Dalton Trumbo is one of the leading progressives in Hollywood and has done many scripts for the screen, including the screen play for "A Man To Remember," selected as one of the ten best movies of 1938.

AT GRAMERCY PARK CINEMA

The Lane sisters and Claude Rains star in "Four Wives," plus "Drunk Driving" and "Monroe Doctrine" can be seen until Monday at the Gramercy Park Cinema, 23rd St. and Lexington Ave. Coming on Tuesday through Friday, "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" with James Stewart and Jean Arthur in the cast.

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1940

TOMORROW:
Bummy Davis Tells Bummy Kurman His Plans for the Ambers Fight

Stratton Set to Come Back With One Leg

'Have More Stuff Than Ever' Says Ex-White Sox Hurler Optimistically

GREENVILLE, Tex., Feb. 16 (UP).—Monty Stratton, the 27-year old Chicago White Sox pitcher who lost his right leg in a hunting accident, is anxious to show his bosses that his curve is as good as ever.

He will have his chance when he joins the Sox at Pasadena, California, for the opening of spring training on March 4. In early exhibition games he will try to show that a good pitcher with a lot of courage can perform in major league baseball despite an artificial leg.

It's a goal Monty has been fighting to reach ever since that blustery November Day in 1938 when a shotgun charge in a hunting accident shredded his leg. The doctors amputated on Nov. 28—the first birthday of Monty, Jr.—and daddy almost died.

But Monty recovered both his strength and his smile. Now he thinks he's ready to go back to work as a player.

"I've got a coaching contract with the Sox," the big right-hander said, talking while he finished building a fence in the backyard of a little home he bought here in his native state last year. "But it calls for only coaching, not playing. What I want to do is to show that I'm capable of pitching winning baseball. I want to tear up the coaching contract and make one to let me pitch.

"I'm in good shape. I've been kicking this stiff leg around in mud and snow on rabbit hunts all winter until I've got so I can rely on it. I've done some practice pitching and I earnestly believe I have more stuff on that ball than I ever had.

"There's only one big worry: I'm afraid I'll have trouble fielding bunts and moving around sudden from the box. I won't know whether I can do that until I try."

Monty was asked about batting.

"Oh, I'm not afraid of that," he said. "The Yanks don't mind because Lefty Gomez doesn't hit. If I can pitch, I don't think the Sox will bother about my batting average."

Stratton looks physically fit. He is tanned from being outdoors during a particularly severe winter. He weighs 185 and is lean and powerful.

He has been practicing with Steve Stevens, a state highway patrolman who has been catching the Stratton fast ones and twisters. Stratton has spent many hours perfecting a new delivery which is adjusted to conform with the handicap of his artificial leg.

FURRIERS AND CLEANERS IN VITAL CLASH

Hectic Labor League Race Reaches High Point Tonight

Trade union basketball goes into the last stages of a hectic season tonight when the two top teams in League A clash in what may be the deciding contest of the second round.

A veteran Furriers Joint Council quintet faces the Cleaners and Dyers on the Labor Sports Center Court, Seward Park High School, for undisputed possession of first place, with a victory for the Cleaners assuring them a spot in the playoffs early in March. A Furriers win will throw the spotlight on next Saturday's match between the Furriers and the once-beaten Office Workers, victors in the first round, and not yet counted out of this one.

The Furriers will count on the crew of tried ball players who have carried them through four years of championship play in trade union basketball. Marty Ackerman, Emil Stekowitz, Moe Weinfuss and Al Hirsh are the old standbys, with a talented group of newcomers to blend with them. The Furriers are primed for this game, which they must win to stay in the running.

Two Negro aces, both possessing sharp scoring eyes, are the hope of the Cleaners. Veteran Harl Washington teams beautifully with the new sensation of the league, six-foot five Eddie Stewart, whose work under the basket is the envy of all coaches. The game rates a toss-up.

The Office Workers face a tartar in the Wholesale and Warehouse five, the crew that took the Furriers to two overtimes before they succumbed last week. A revenge win for the Wholesalers is not unlikely. Last place is at stake for the losing team in the third contest of League A tonight when the all losing Building Service and Teachers Union teams meet.

League B, with the title virtually assured the all-victorious Fur Merchants, also has three games carded, with all six of the entries playing. The Fur Merchants face the last-place Cafeteria quintet, with the Transport five playing the Fur Dyers in a battle for second, and the Cooks team meeting the Floor Boys for fourth place.

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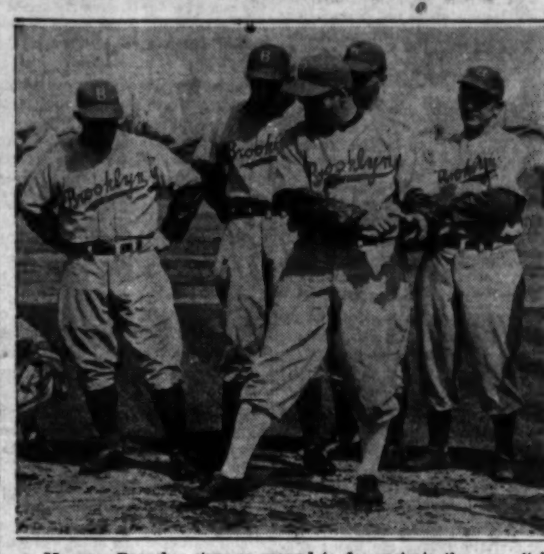
Dodgers Shiver Thru 1st 'Spring' Training

LEO EXPLAINS NEW RULE



Manager Durocher steps on mound to demonstrate the new pitching rule to early bird Dodgers.

Pitcher Rachunok Looks Like Prospect

CLEARWATER - ON - THE - SQUARE, Feb. 16. — The Dodger battery staff shivered through its second "spring" training workout in this Southern resort as icy blasts swept the Clearwater Field.

All of the pitchers except holdout Whit Wyatt are on hand while brittle Babe Phelps and the rest of the catchers are all here.

Only non-battery man on hand besides manager Leo Durocher, is outfielder Gene Moore, who hopes an early start will help him regain his batting form of two years ago. Gene collapsed so badly last year that he was only able to hang on to the team because of his brilliant fielding and great throwing arm.

Even holdouts Luke Hamlin and Tot Pressnell showed up yesterday, indicating an early wind-up to their contract difficulties.

Roy Cullenbine, number two prize of the 91 ex-Tigers recently declared free agents by Judge Landis, is expected to come in late today. Leo wants to get a good look at the young outfielder with an eye to solving the outer garden problems that racked the Dodger manager all last year.

Another ex-Tiger hand is getting a lot of attention. He's Steve Rachunok, husky Russian kid up from Henderson in the Texas League where he won 22 games and lost only six. Steve also pitched two no-hitters down there and even though he has'nt started to unocork his stuff yet looks like one of the finds of the year. Steve has a free and easy delivery and promises to let loose with some blinding speed shortly.

Right now, Durocher is chiefly interested in explaining the new mound rules to the boys. The pitcher now has more chance for deception and Lippy Leo intends that the boys take full advantage of the rule allowing free leg motion while the other foot is on the rubber.

Right now Durocher is pleased with his no-cost gamble on vets Tex Carleton and Wes Ferrell. If either comes through with 12 or 13 wins the Dodgers will have the best pitching staff in the league with Hamlin, Hugh Casey, and Wyatt in the front line and Pressnell, Vito Tamulis and fat Freddy Fitzsimmons for spot.

Jeff, Clinton '5's Win, Close in on PSAL Crown

Brownsville Team, New Sensation of Scholastic Court, Routs Boys 56-24 — Roosevelt Upsets Monroe

The new sensation of scholastic basketball, the Thomas Jefferson High School team, kept up its sensational pace yesterday by swamping Boys High 56-24 for its 14th straight victory of the year.

The Brownsville boys led at the half 30-13 and used a second team for a good part of the second half. Speedy little Hy Gotkin led the scoring with 14 points, one more than Derkash scored. Boykoff racked up 7. Nicholson starred for Boys.

De Witt Clinton came close to clinching the Bronx PSAL championship yesterday afternoon by beating George Washington 37-25. Burns led the attack with 14 points while Sammy Johnson scored 6 and was all over the court as usual. The winners looked good in leading all the way and expect to clinch things next Friday against Monroe.

Theodore Roosevelt's oft disappointing team upset Monroe's Bronx title hopes yesterday with a thrilling 34-33 victory. The game was see-saw all the way with the superior height of the winners counting at the end. Di Angelo led the Roosevelt scoring with 7 while Sieger, Trolongo and Lacine did almost all the Monroe scoring with 9 each.

LABOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

LEAGUE A

	Won	Lost
Furriers Joint Council	3	0
Cleaners and Dyers	3	0
Office Workers	2	1
Wholesale and Warehouse	1	2
Teachers Union	0	3
Building Service	0	3

LEAGUE B

	Won	Lost
Fur Merchants	3	0
Transport	2	1
Fur Dyers	2	1
Fur Floor Boys	1	2
Cooks	1	2
Cafeteria	0	3

RETAIL EMPLOYES LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
Drug Clerks	4	0
Bloomingdale	3	1
Sport Clerks	3	1
Hearns	1	3
Sterns	1	3
Sachs	0	4

Late Thursday Night Scores

Brooklyn Evening 26, Yeshiva 25
Duke 44, Wake Forest 35
Georgetown 42, American U. 32
Geneva 47, Pitt 45
L.I.U. 47, Westminster 42
L.I.U. '43—62, City College J. V. 37
L.S.U. 34, Tulane 31
Lebanon Valley 43, F. and M. 33
Okla. A. & M. 24, Kansas 23
St. Lawrence 64, Alfred 49
Susquehanna 49, Elizabethtown 42
Villanova 52, Assumption 43
W. and L. 49, W. and M. 38
W. Maryland 33, Catholic U. 31
West Virginia 44, W. and J. 32

Al Davis has plenty of winning streak to brag about, but most folks forget that lightweight champ Lou Ambers, who meets Bummy in a non-title ten-rounder at the Garden a week from tomorrow night, has quite a skein of his own.

Lou has won 12 straight and for the most part over tougher opponents than the Davis variety. Last loss for Lou was to Henry Armstrong in that great scrap a year ago.

Rubenstein Likes That Pro Merger

One member of the New York Jewels who is grateful for the recent merger with the Jersey Reds is Willie Rubenstein. Obtaining the services of such players as Moe Spahn and Ace Goldstein, Willie figures, has increased his efficiency at least 50 per cent.

When the Jewels oppose the Philadelphia Hebrews in a fight for first place in the American Professional Basketball League tomorrow night at the 71st Regiment Armory, Willie, Moe and Ace will probably be three of the Jewels' starting five with John Pelkington and Dave Paris completing the quintet.

Last Sunday when the Jewels gained their tie with the Hebrews by defeating the Troy Celtics, the combination worked effectively, Rubenstein, former N.Y.U. star, taking high scoring honors with ten points.

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Off the Backboard

Two indignant Columbia fans send the following heated mash note:

Sports Editor:

We have taken cognizance of your corrigendum (I didn't know it was showing—S.K.) in the Feb. 13 edition of the Daily Worker, in which you neglected to record Columbia's change of status in the Ivy League as a result of the Feb. 12 win over Penn. In the past we have been ardent admirers of the Sports Section of your paper. If such oversights are continued we shall be forced to discontinue reading the Daily Worker.

E. T. MORRILL,
A. D. LEVY,
Columbia University.

The gentlemen didn't realize that Tuesday's paper did not record Monday night's results because of an early deadline down here. Besides who can wait for those screwy, late-starting Ivy League games to finish?

In addition, we sincerely believed that we were doing Columbia a great favor by leaving the status quo. It was difficult to imagine that a team which had been unable to top the thirties in scoring all season would hit 48 points and come out of the cellar. In fact, we thought that after the Columbia-Penn game, the Lion league record would show one victory and four defeats instead of the two and three mark indicated yesterday.

However, we can understand your excitement about the incident, because the boys were pretty good against Penn.

That Chicago Influence

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 14 (UP).—The policy "of limited and temporary assistance" to some members of the St. Louis football squad "is a concession the university, does not intend to continue," chancellor George R. Throop said today. Dr. Throop, in a letter addressed to the faculty athletic council and published in the student publication yesterday, suggested dropping intercollegiate football.

WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and Sunday Worker are 35c per line (6 words to a line — 3 lines minimum).
DEADLINE: Daily at 12 Noon. For Sunday, 5 P.M. Friday.

Today

BEN DAVIS, member Editorial Board, Daily Worker, speaks this Saturday, Feb. 17, 2:45 P.M. on "The Negro and the World Crisis: New Problems in the Struggle for Freedom." Lecture takes place at Irving Plaza, East 15th St. & Irving Place. Admission 25c. Auspices: Workers School.

Tonight

Manhattan

VALENTINE DANCE & Entertainment. 5-Piece Band. Fun and Food. Club at 100 2nd Ave. Donation 25c. 8:30 P.M.

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Tomorrow

ALFRED GOLDSTEIN, popular political analyst, reviews the News of the Week this Sunday, Feb. 18, 8:30 P.M. at Irving Plaza, E. 15th St. and Irving Pl. Admission 25c. Auspices: Workers School.

WAR or PEACE: The Writer's Role discussed by Albert Maltz. Dalcroze School of Music, 9 E. 59th St. Feb. 18, 8 P.M. First of five Sunday night forums sponsored by the League of American Writers. Single ticket, 35c; Series, $1.50.

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